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ABSTRACT

MULTIGRAPH: An Architecture for Model-Based Programming by Dr. Janos Sztipanovits, Vanderbilt University Model-Based Program Synthesis for Parallel Computing by Ben Abbott, Vanderbilt University PREMOS Programming Environment for Model-Based Program Synthesis by Dr. Hubertus Franke, IBM T.J. Watson Research Center

This presentation consists of three presentations related to model-based software synthesis. The first presentation by Professor Janos Sztipanovits of Vanderbilt University provides an overview of the MULTIGRAPH Architecture (MGA), which is used as a generic framework for model-based programming. Evolution of the architecture has been driven by the requirements of specific applications. Characteristics of these application domains and their impact on the basic design of MGA are discussed.

In the second presentation, Ben Abbott of Vanderbilt University discusses Model-Based Program Synthesis for Parallel Computing. Automatic program synthesis is one of the prime disciplines that can contribute to the advancement of the software engineering of reactive systems. To illustrate, Mr. Abbott presents a large, high-performance parallel instrumentation system used for analysis of turbine engine strain gauge signals produced during altitude testing. The system is called the Computer Assisted Dynamic Data Analysis and Monitoring System (CADDMAS).

In the third presentation Dr. Hubertus Franke of the T.J.Watson Research Center presents Programming Environment for Model-Based Program Synthesis. The development of model-based programming environments is driven by two opposite forces: specialization and standardization. Mr. Franke's presentation addresses the design and implementation of tools which satisfy both above-mentioned forces. In order to overcome this dilemma, the MULTIGRAPH Architecture uses meta-tools. This presentation focuses on the design and implementation of meta-tools and their coordination to form a harmonic environment.

MULTIGRAPH: An Architecture for Model-Based Programming

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MEASUREMENT AND COMPUTING SYSTEMS LABORATORY

Research area:

Software technology for embedded computer applications;
Large-scale monitoring, diagnostics and signal processing systems

Personnel:

2 faculty
3 full-time researcher
10 graduate students

Primary sponsors between 1983-1993:

IBM, Boeing, NASA, USA-SDC, OG
USAF-AEDC, Sverdrup Technologies

MILESTONES OF THE MULTIGRAPH RESEARCH

- INTELLIGENT OPERATOR INTERFACE FOR INSTRUMENTATION (MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING, FTIR)
(1983-1986, IBM)
- FAULT DETECTION, ISOLATION AND RECOVERY IN SPACE SYSTEMS
(1985- PRESENT, BOEING)
1993: BOEING STARTED USING MULTIGRAPH IN THE SSF PROGRAM
1993: THE MULTIGRAPH-BASED DIAGNOSABILITY ANALYSIS TOOL WAS INTRODUCED AND IS BEING TESTED IN SEVERAL BOEING PROGRAMS
- INTELLIGENT PROCESS CONTROL SYSTEM (IPCS) (1986- PRESENT, KRI/OGIS)
1989: FIRST FIELD TEST IN CO-GENERATOR PLANT
1992: BETA TESTS IN USA (DU PONT), EUROPE AND JAPAN
1993: DU PONT PURCHASED THE FIRST COMMERCIAL RELEASE

MILESTONES OF THE MULTIGRAPH RESEARCH

- CADDMAS (1989- PRESENT)
 - 1990: FIXED PROCESSING 4 CHANNEL SYSTEM
 - 1992: FLEXIBLE CONFIGURATION 24 CHANNEL PROTOTYPE
 - 1993: SCALING TO 72 CHANNEL, USE OF ADVANCED DSP ARCHITECTURE (~ 100 PROCESSORS, 4GFLOP)
- TRANSIENT DATA PROCESSING (1990-1992)
 - 1992: WORKING PROTOTYPE ON PARALLEL ARCHITECTURE, FIRST USED IN GE TEST
- IMAGE PROCESSING
 - 1991-1992: EVALUATE THE USE OF MGA ON NETWORK OF WORKSTATIONS
 - 1993: WORKING SMALL-SCALE PROTOTYPE ON PARALLEL CADDMAS HARDWARE
- ON-LINE, PARALLEL SIMULATION
 - 1993: FEASIBILITY STUDY, SMALL-SCALE PROTOTYPE

MODEL-BASED SYSTEMS

MODEL-BASED SYSTEMS DIRECTLY USE MODELS IN THEIR OPERATION.

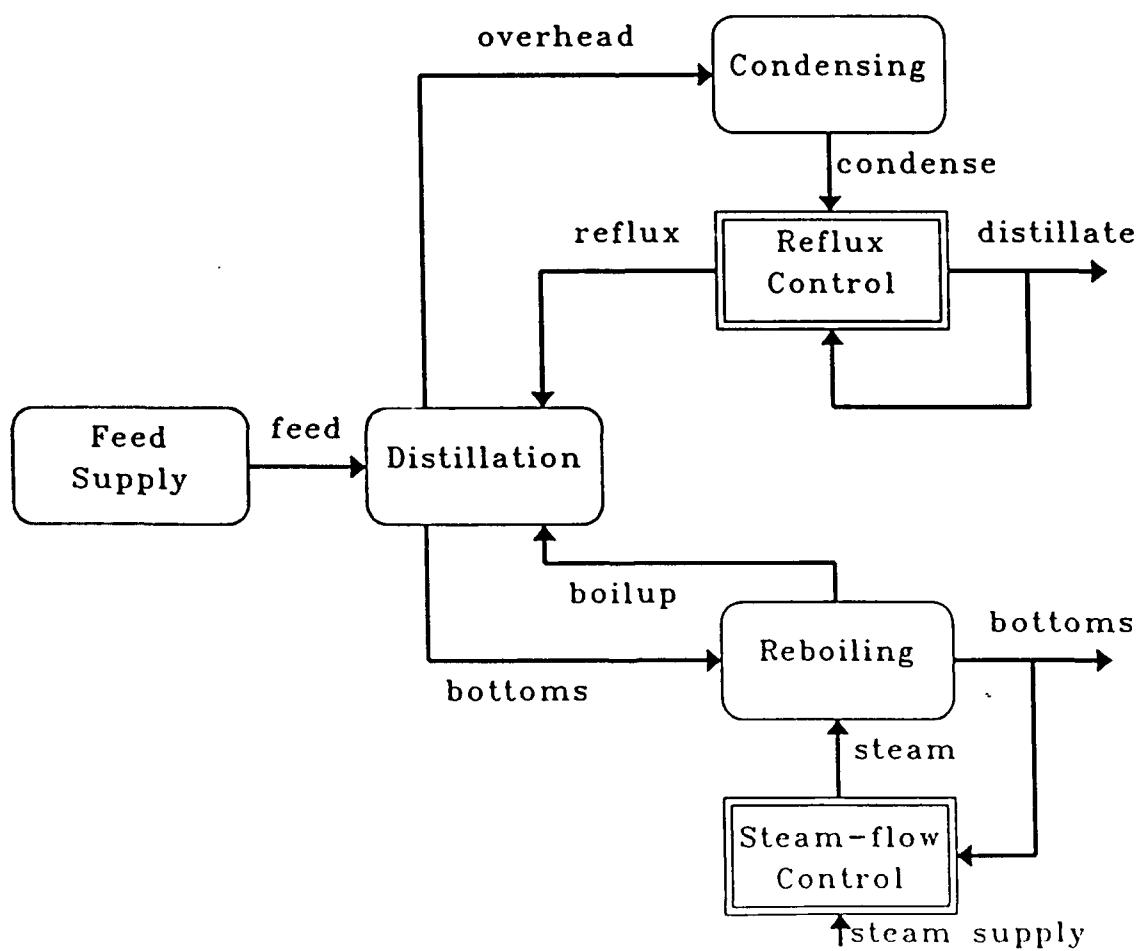
TYPICAL EXAMPLES:

**MODEL-BASED DIAGNOSTICS
SIMULATION
MODEL-BASED CONTROL**

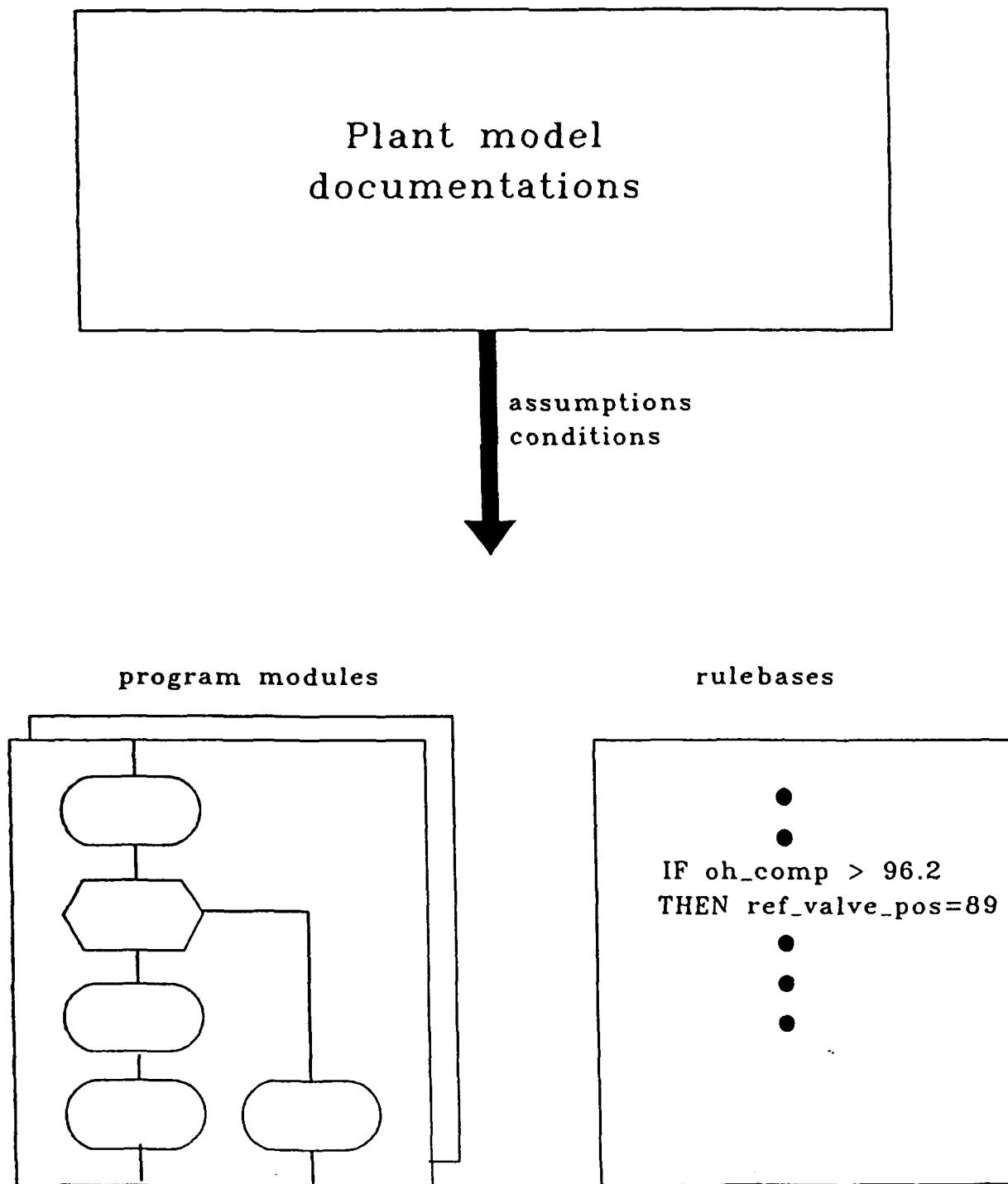
PROGRAMMING ENVIRONMENT

EMBEDDED, REAL-TIME APPLICATIONS (SUCH AS MONITORING, CONTROL, DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEMS) CONTINUOUSLY INTERACT WITH PHYSICAL PROCESSES.

THEIR COMPONENTS ARE SELECTED AND DETERMINED BY THE MODELS OF PROCESSES:

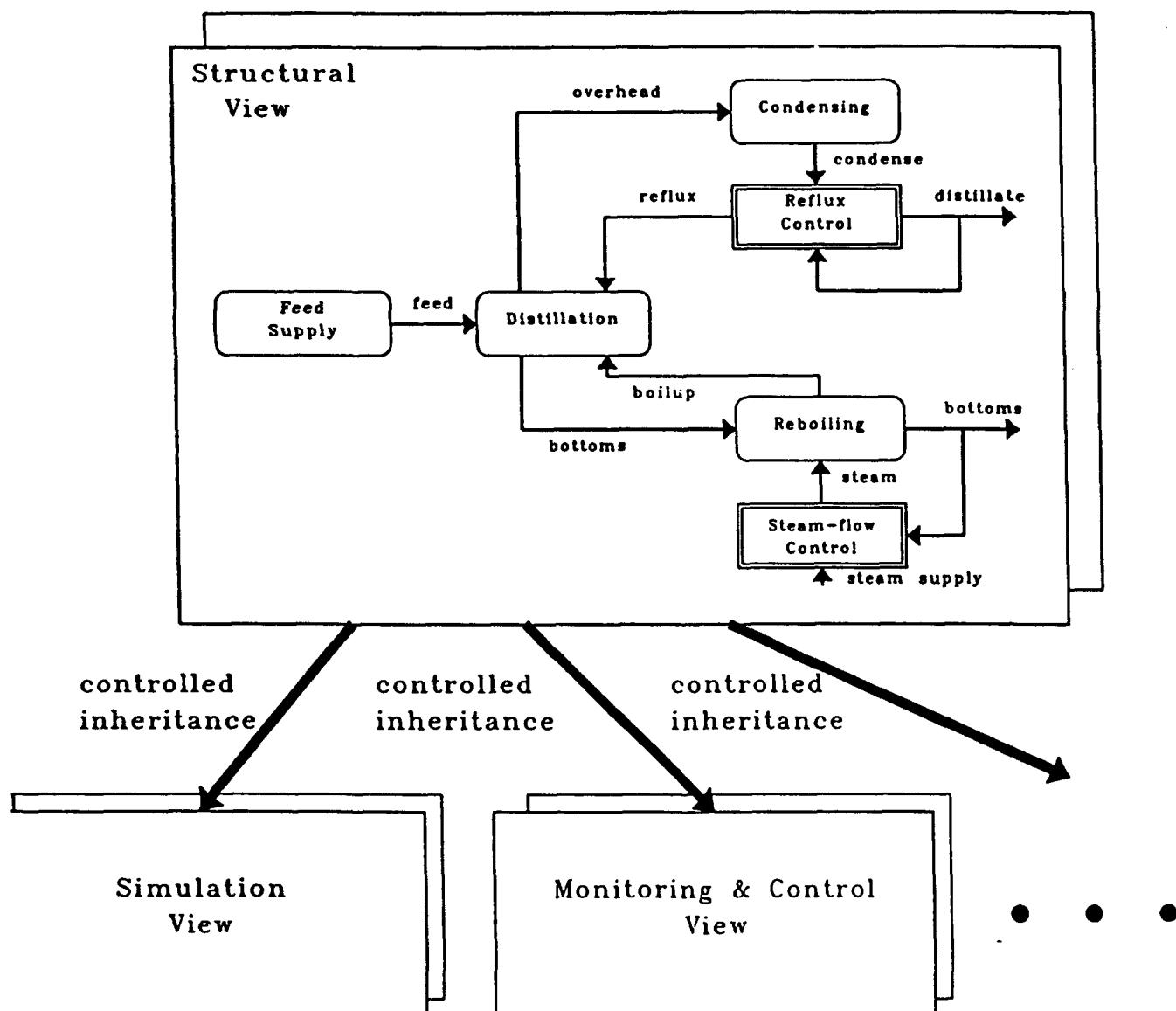


PROGRAMMING ENVIRONMENT (NOT MODEL-BASED)



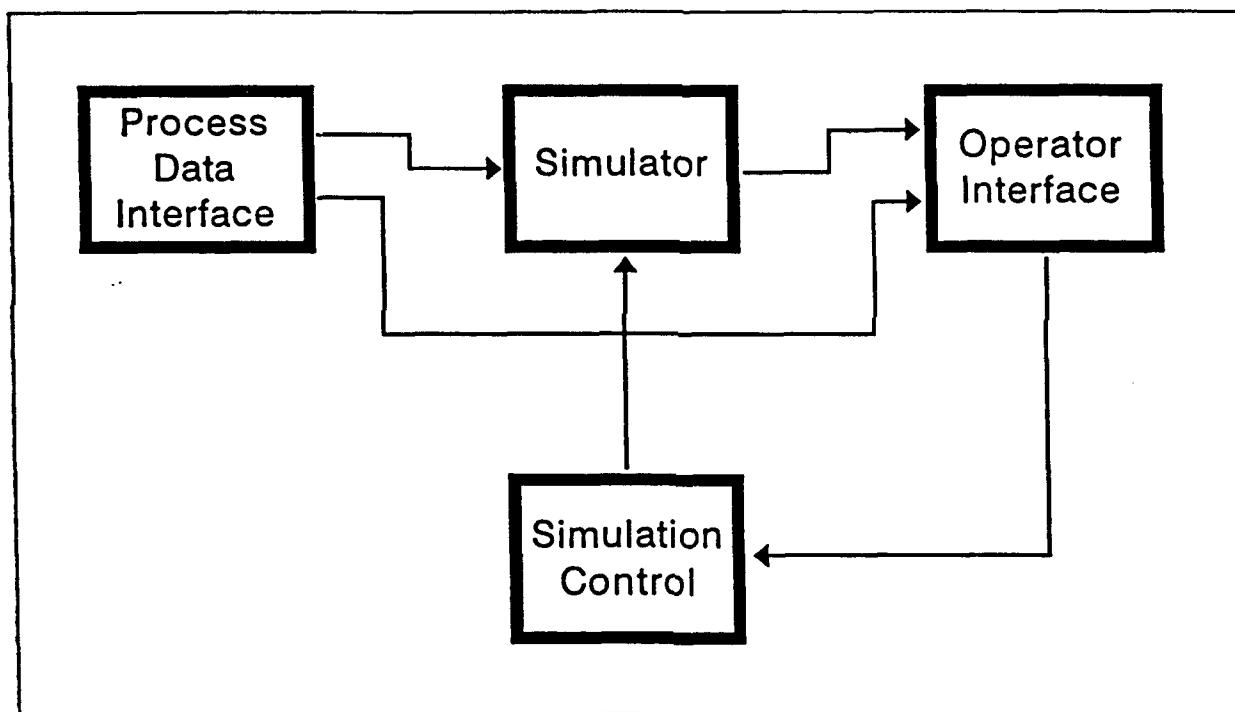
MODEL-BASED PROGRAMMING ENVIRONMENT

COMPONENTS OF EMBEDDED SYSTEMS ARE DEFINED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MODELS OF THEIR ENVIRONMENT:



Example:

"Prediction of catalyst concentration in the mother liquor recycle-loop of the DMT plant."

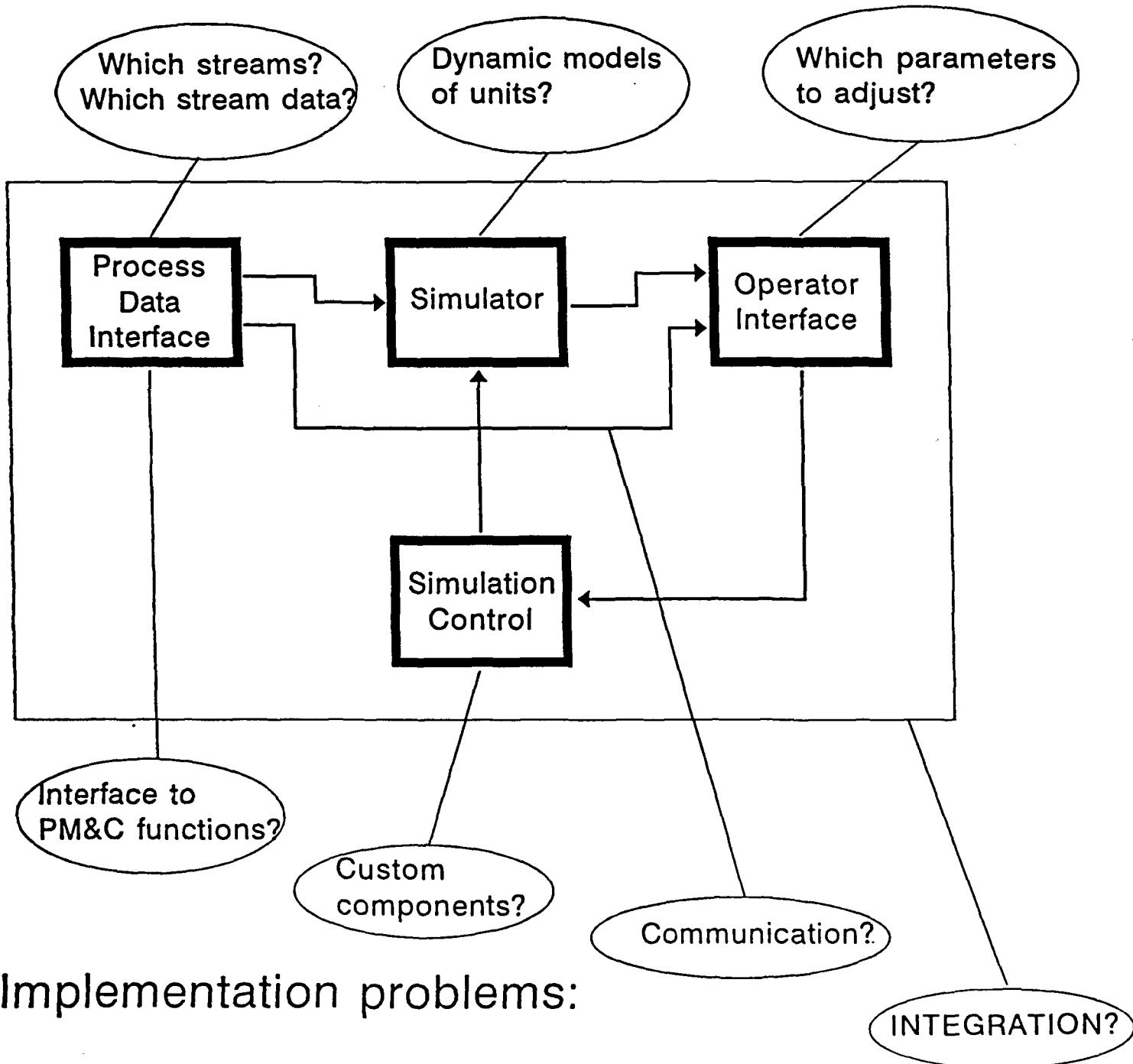


This program includes:

- access to process data
- dynamic simulator
- "customized" human interface
- dedicated simulation control

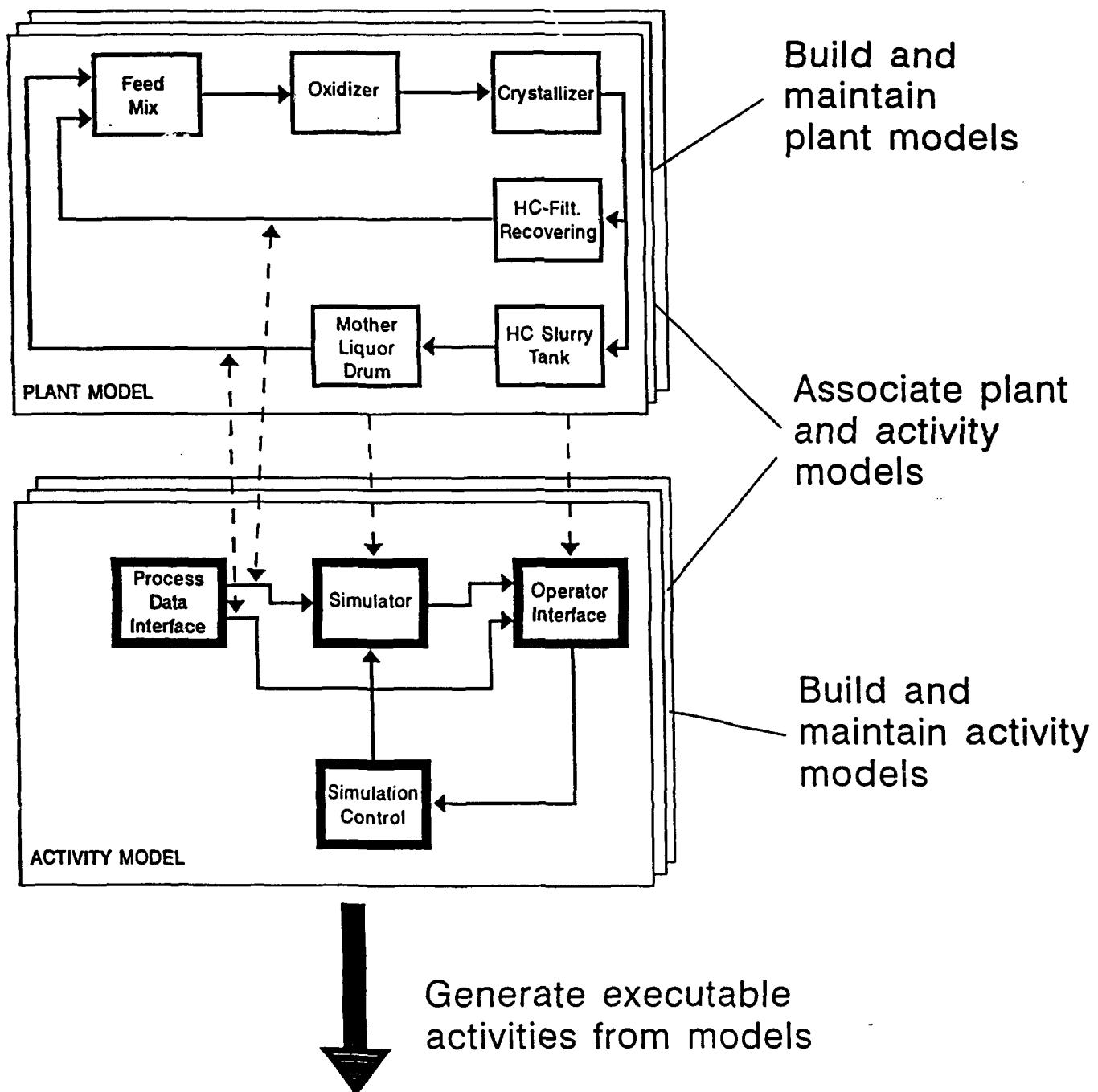
Problems:

Conceptual/logical links to plant information:

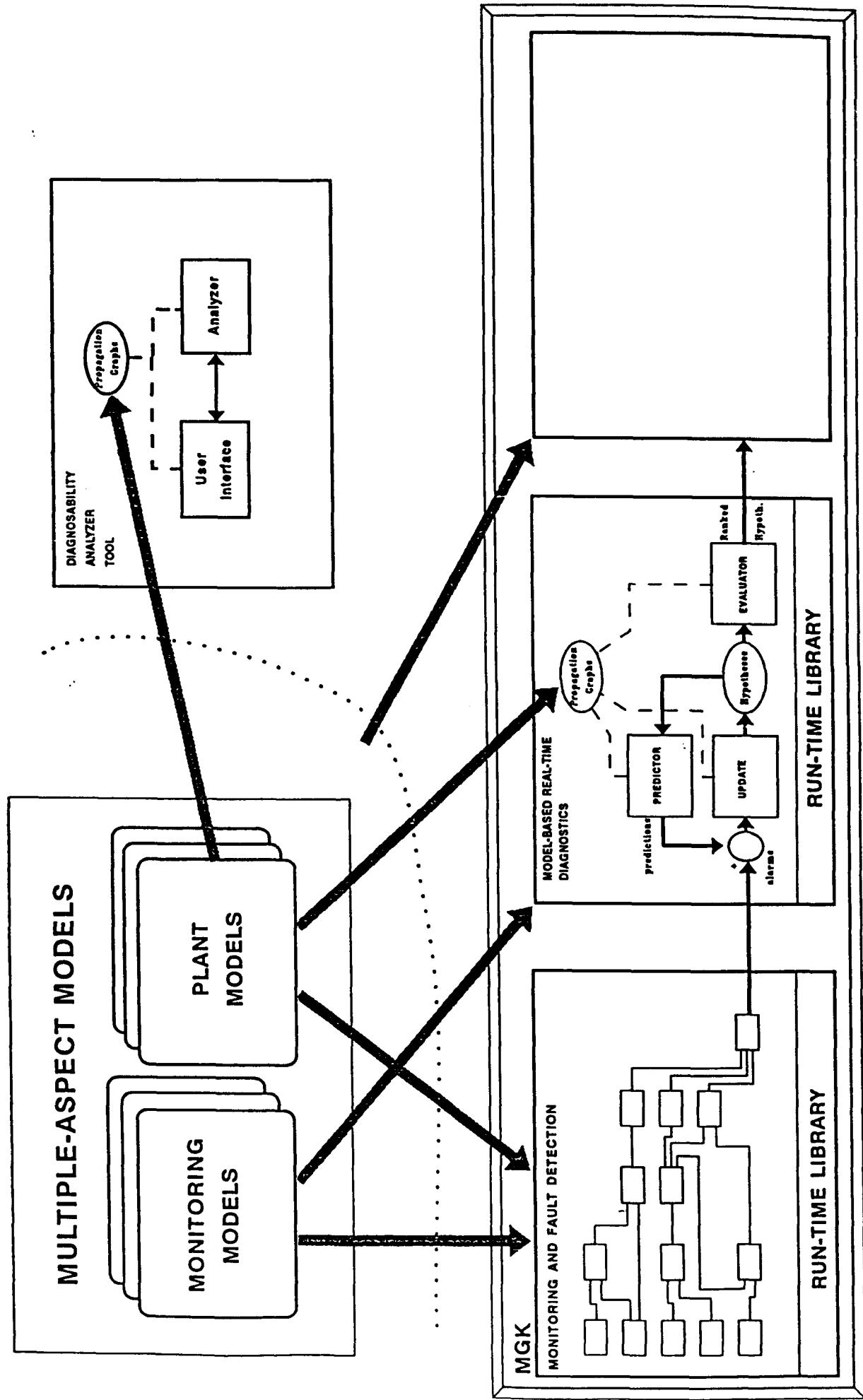


Implementation problems:

Solution with model-based programming environment:



MODEL-BASED PROGRAMMING ENVIRONMENTS AND SYSTEMS

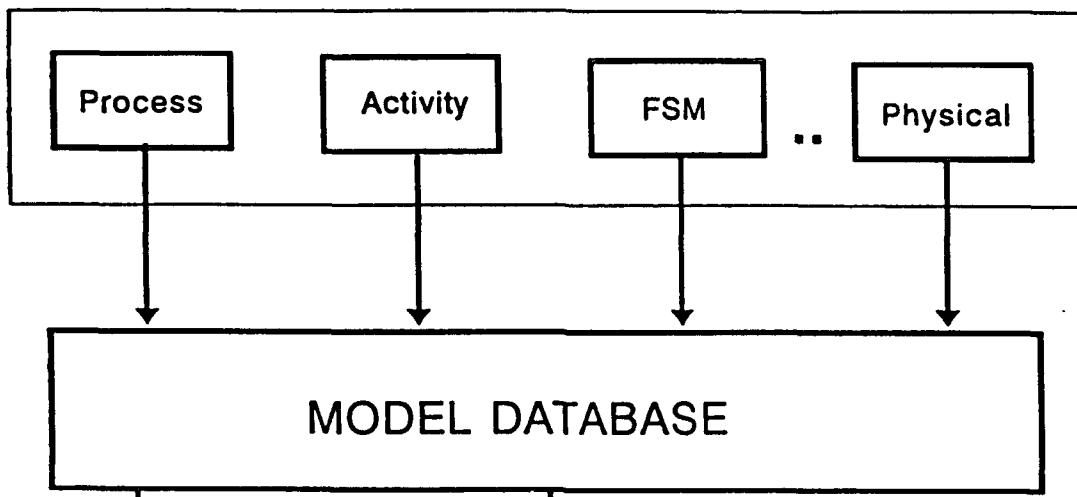


INTERPRETATION OF "MODEL-BASED"

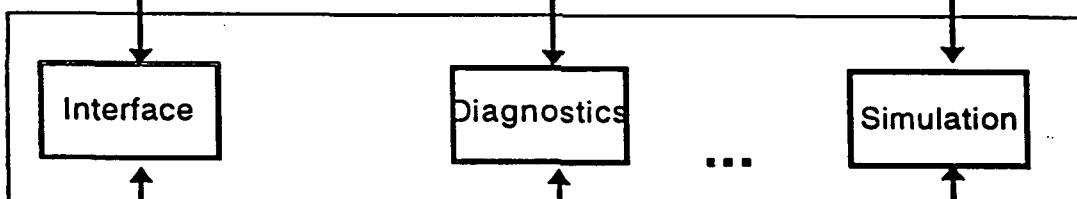
- EXPLICIT REPRESENTATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLANT, THE COMPONENTS OF THE MONITORING/CONTROL/DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP
- AUTOMATIC GENERATION OF THE EXECUTABLE CODE FROM THE MODELS
- ✓ • DIRECT USE OF MODELS IN THE SYSTEM OPERATION

MULTIGRAPH ARCHITECTURE

GRAPHICAL EDITORS

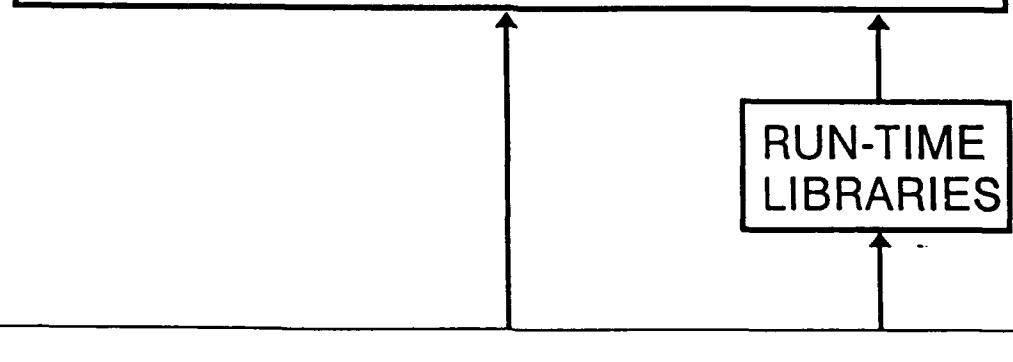


INTERPRETERS



MULTIGRAPH KERNEL

RUN-TIME LIBRARIES



OPERATING SYSTEM PLATFORM

Model-Based Program Synthesis for Parallel Computing

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Measurement and Computing Systems Laboratory
Vanderbilt University

Outline

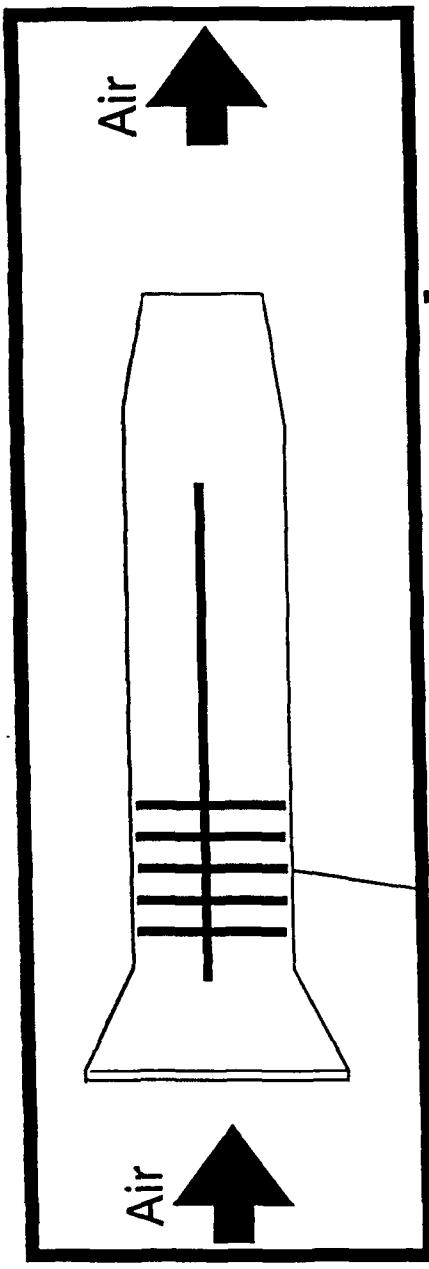
- Motivation
- An Example Problem
- The Model-Based Solution
 - (1) Steps taken
 - (2) Models
- Conclusion

Motivation

- Large parallel instrumentation systems are needed
- Software is complex
- Hardware configuration and management
- Parallel processing issues:
 - Synchronization
 - Assignment
 - Loading
- Bugs propagate

Turbine Engine Stress Testing

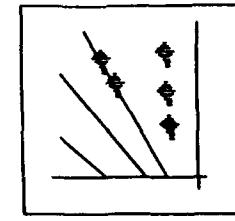
Altitude Test Cell



Instrumented
Blade

Facility
Parameters

Online Plots,
Hardcopy



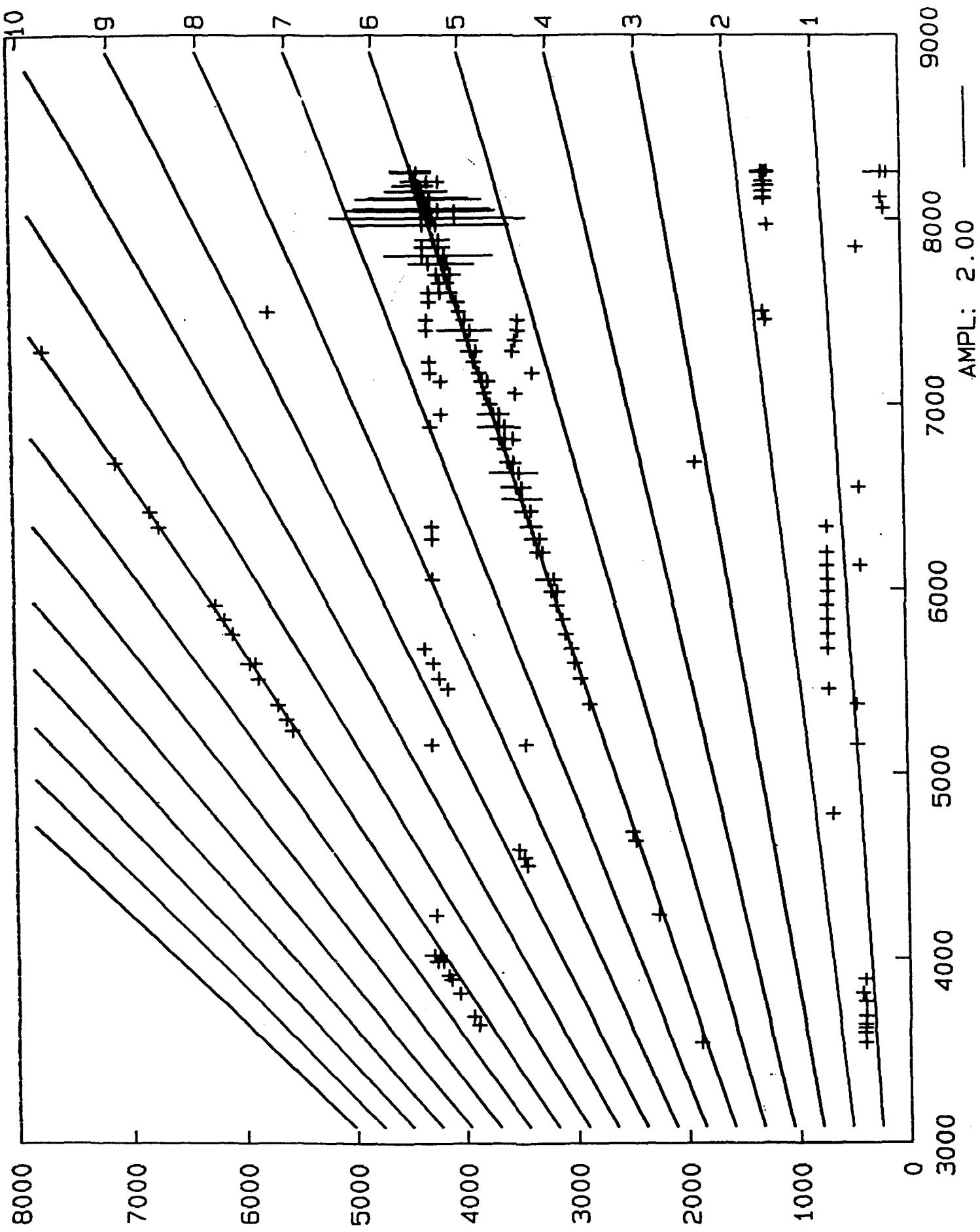
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Processing

A/D

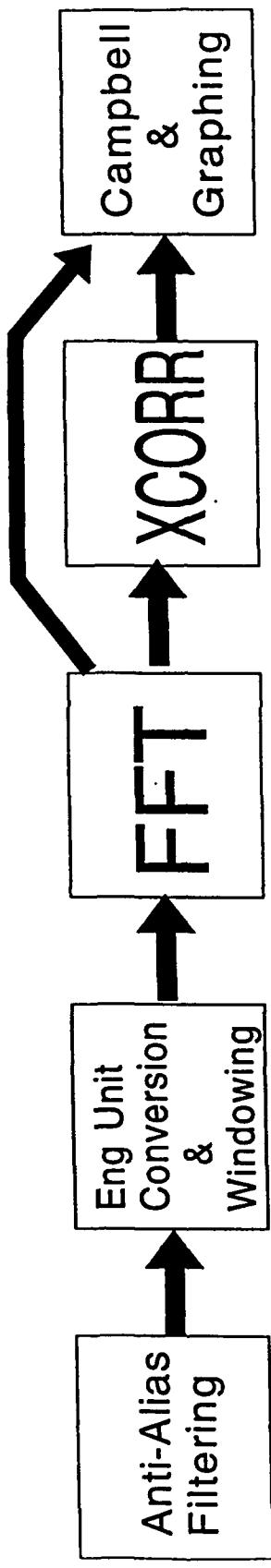
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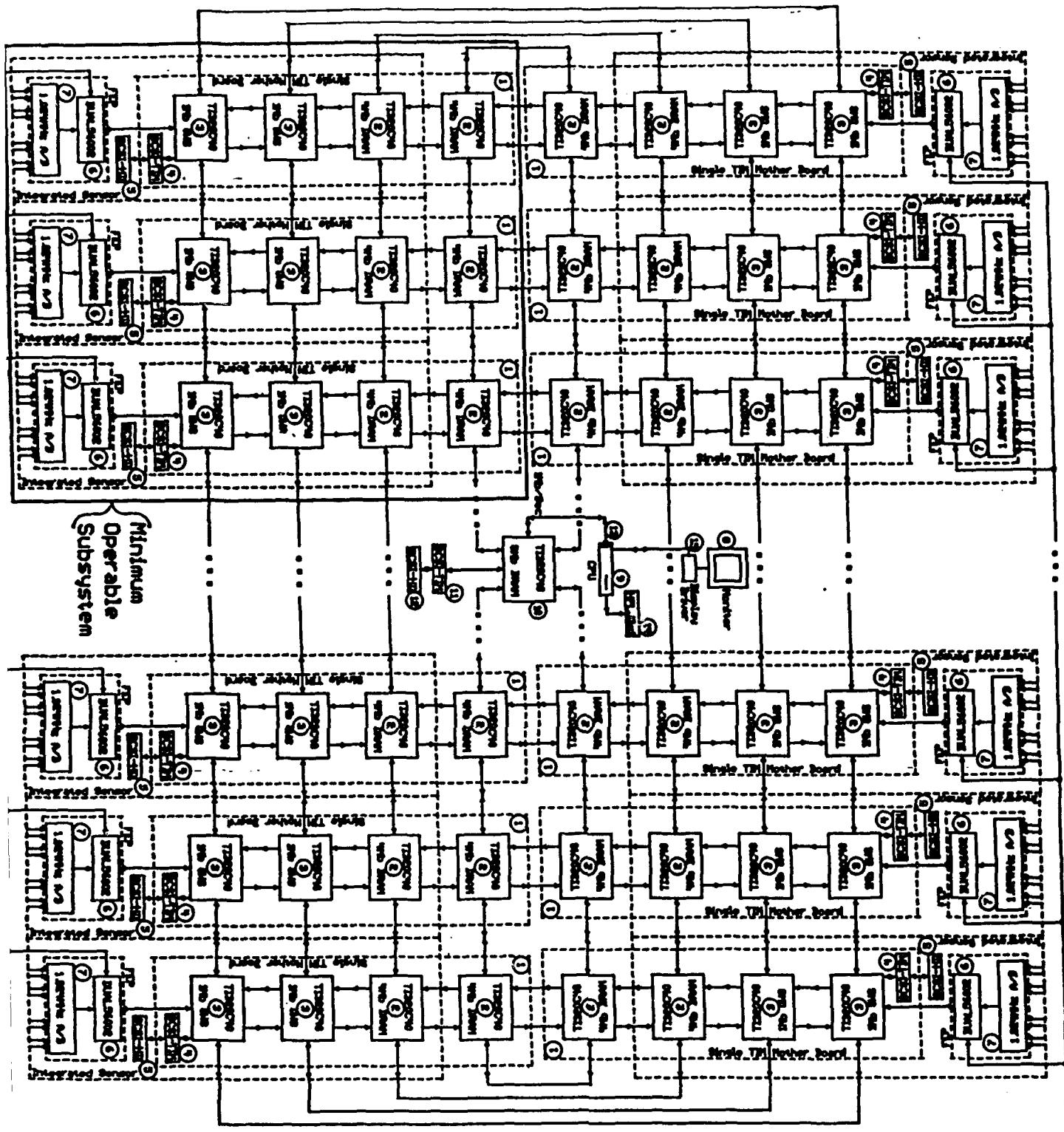


Processing Algorithms

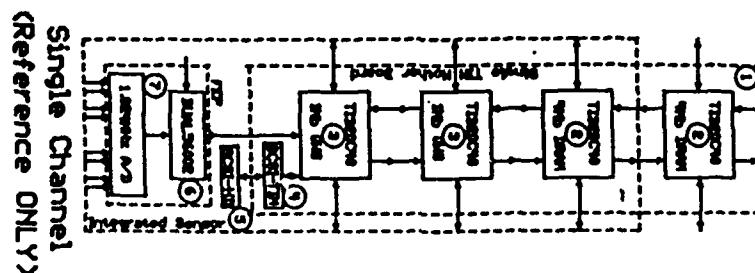


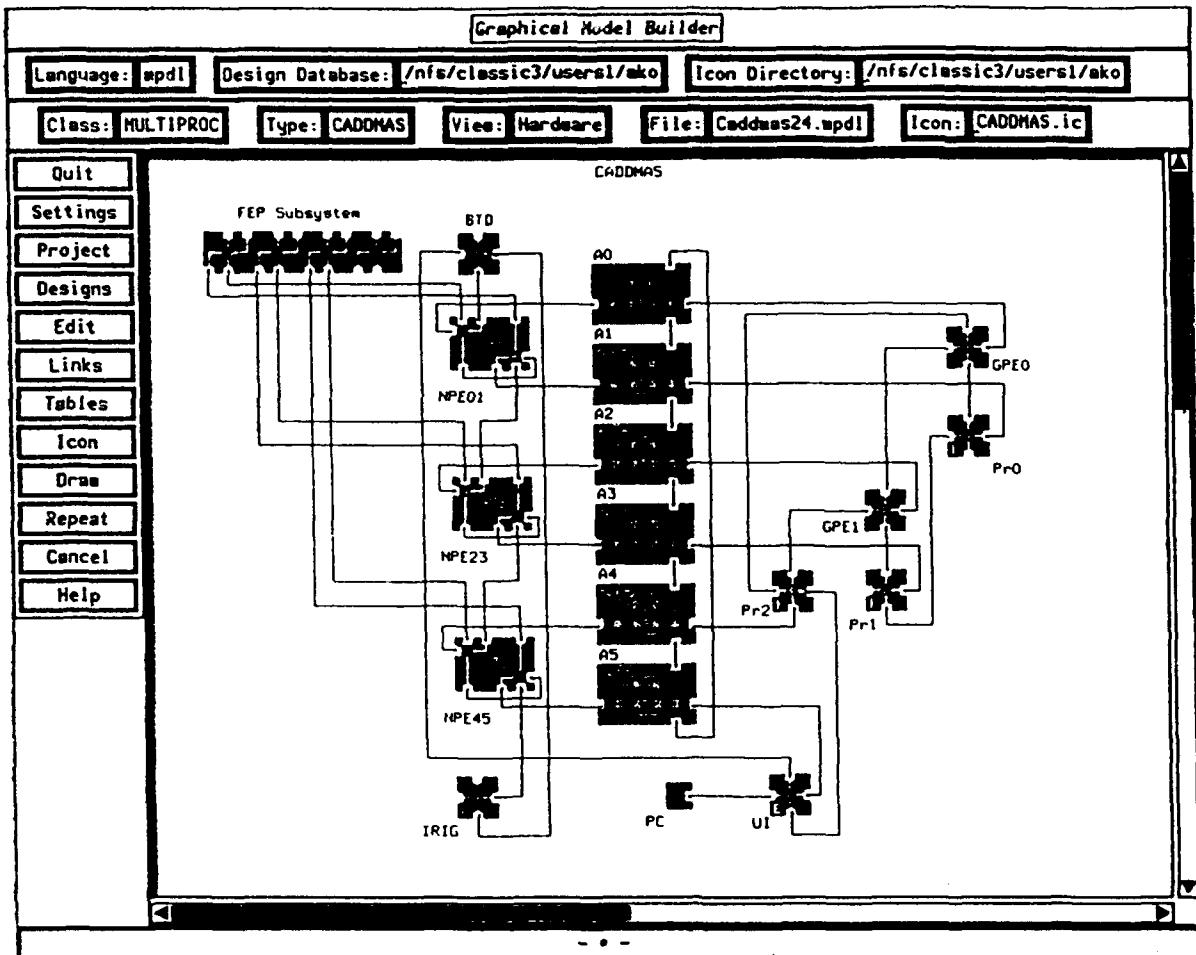
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4 MOPS	.4 MFLOPS	6 MFLOPS	6 MFLOPS	2 MFLOPS	
192 MOPS	19.2 MFLOPS	288 MFLOPS	288 MFLOPS	96 MFLOPS	

Total: Approx 883 MFLOPS Sustained

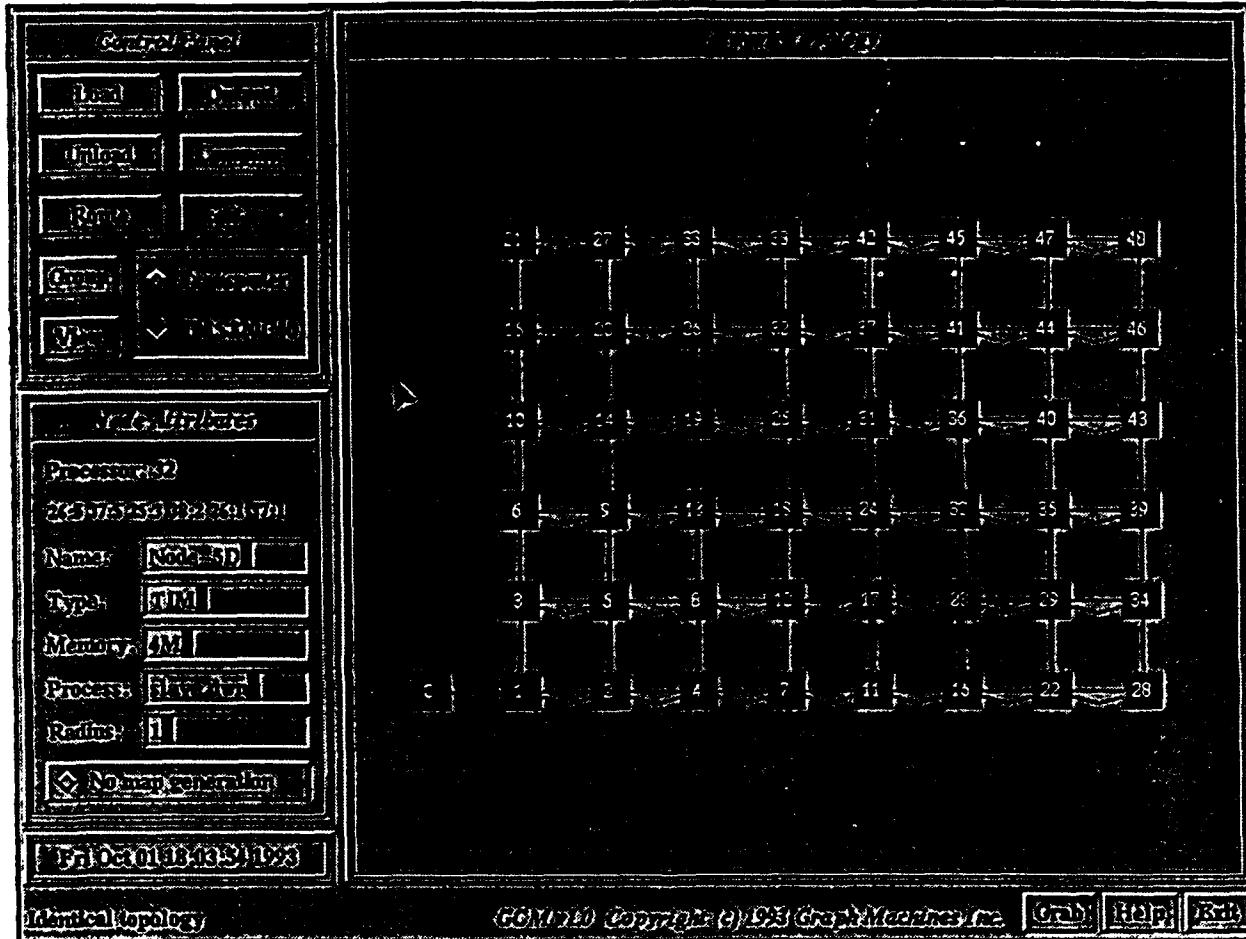


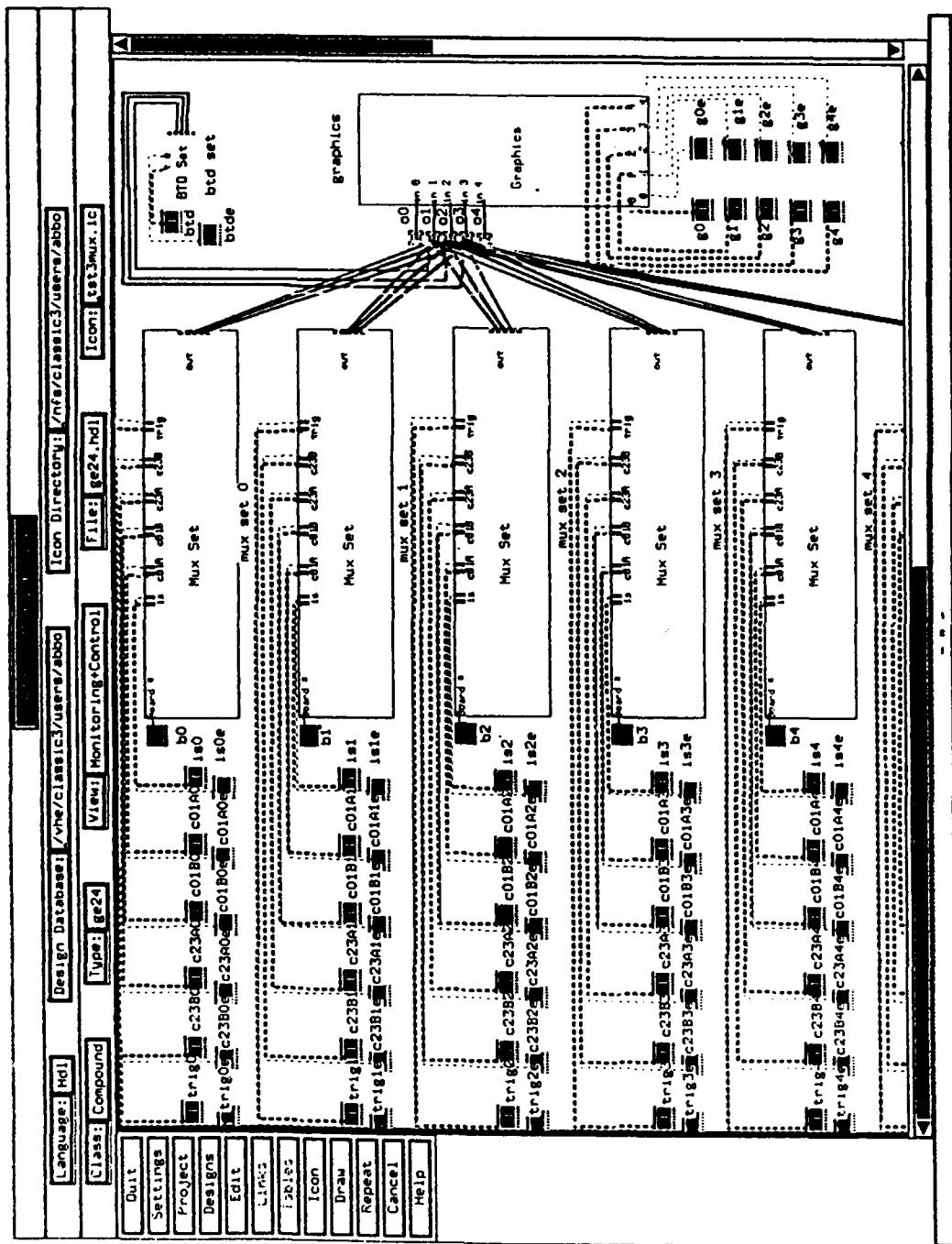
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(ONLY 12 Channels Shown)**

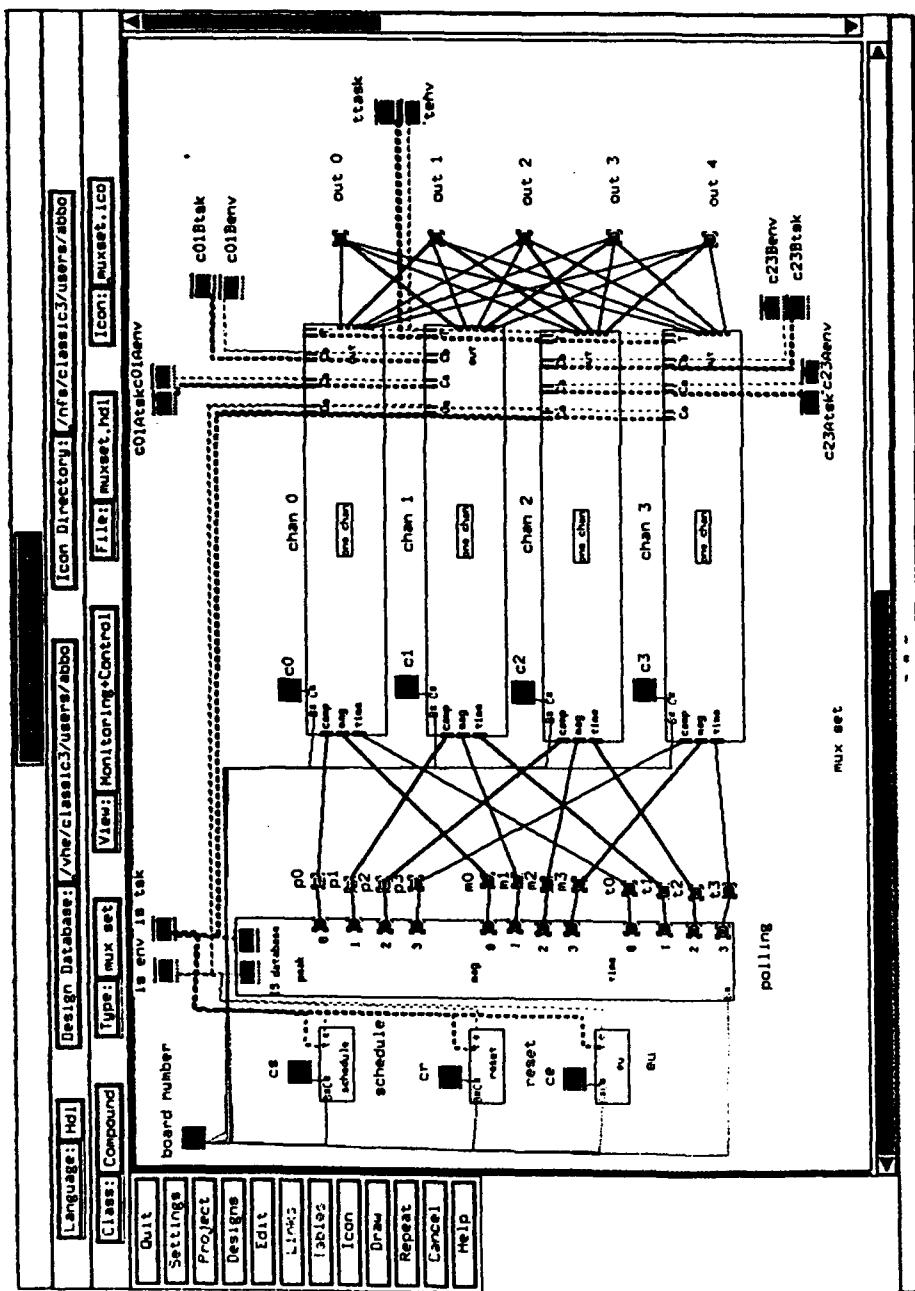


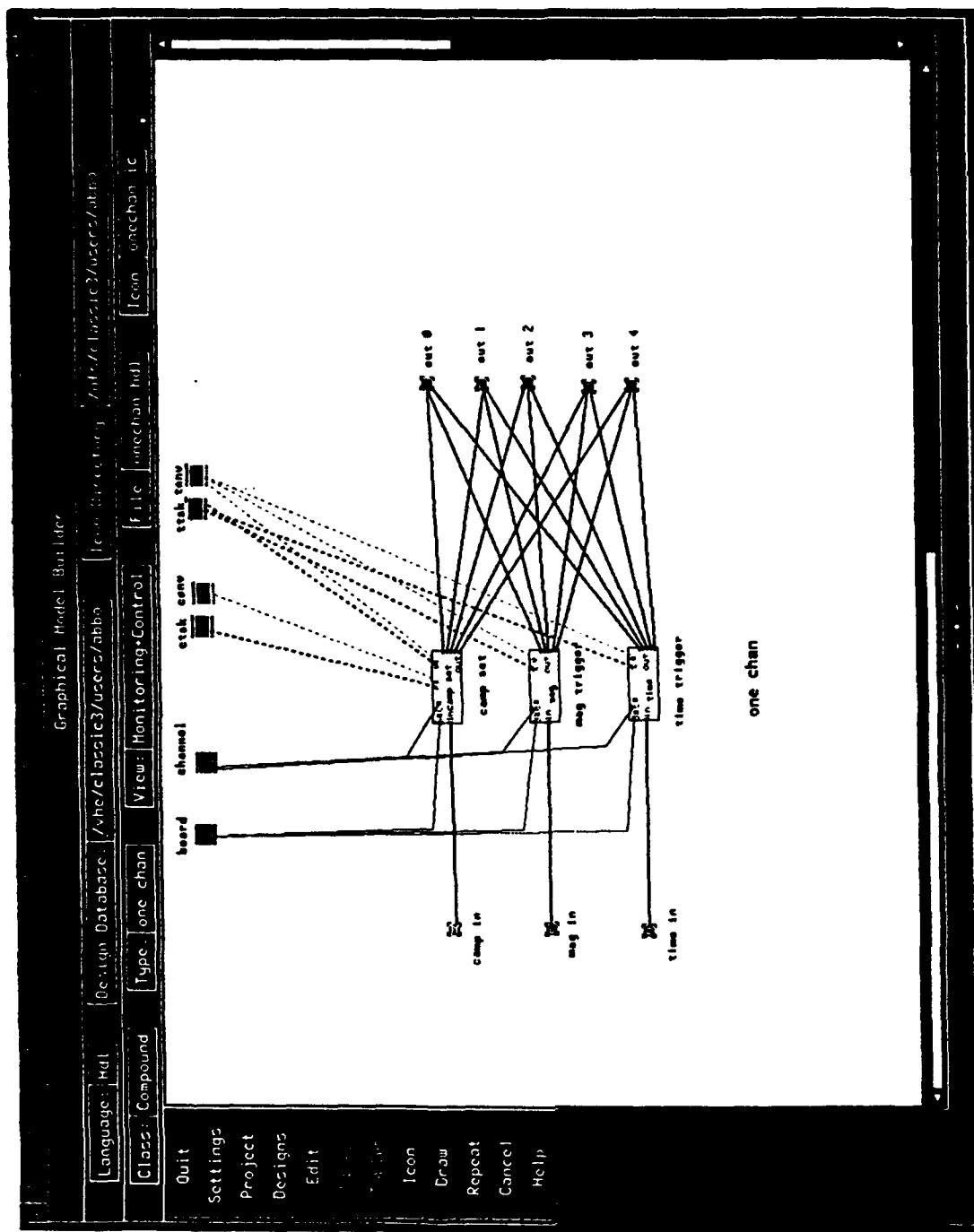


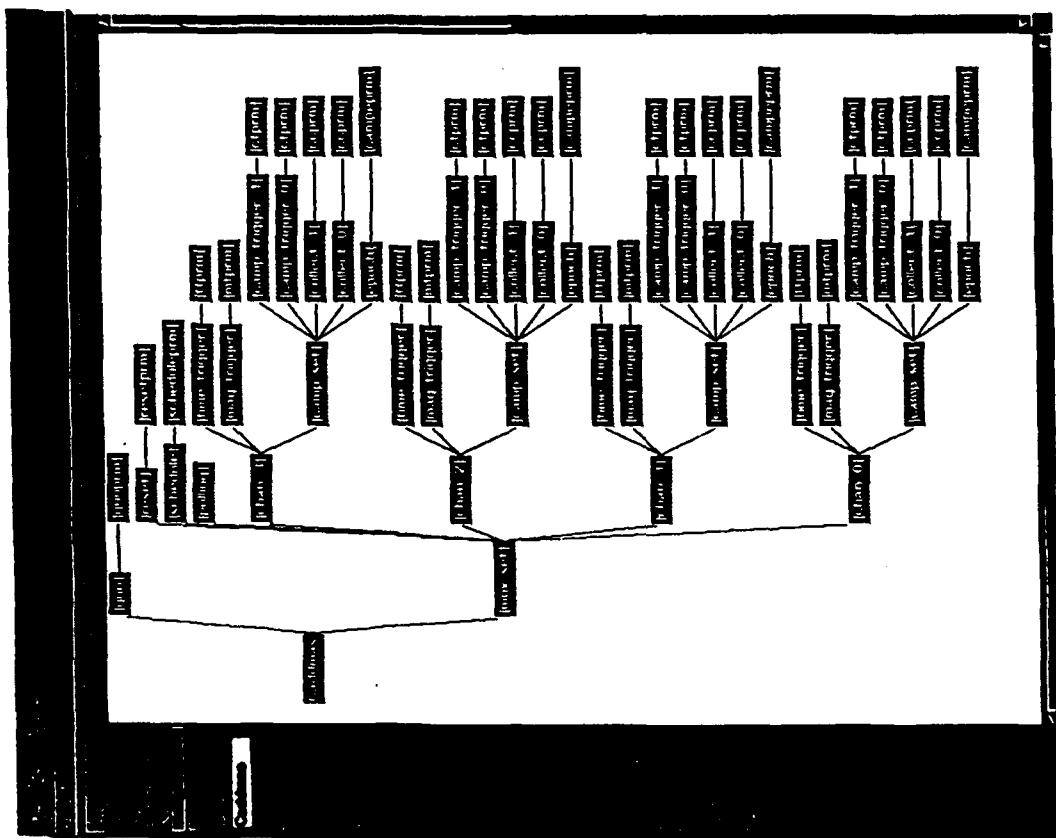
HARDWARE MODELING





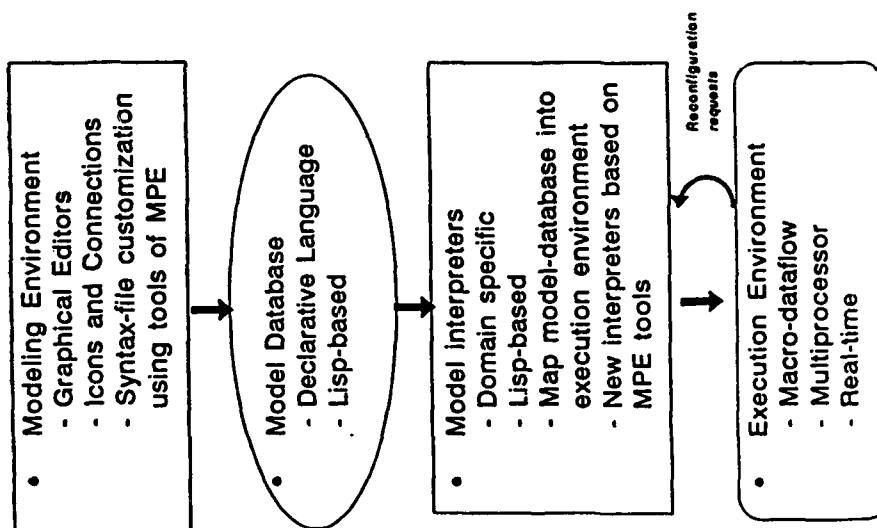




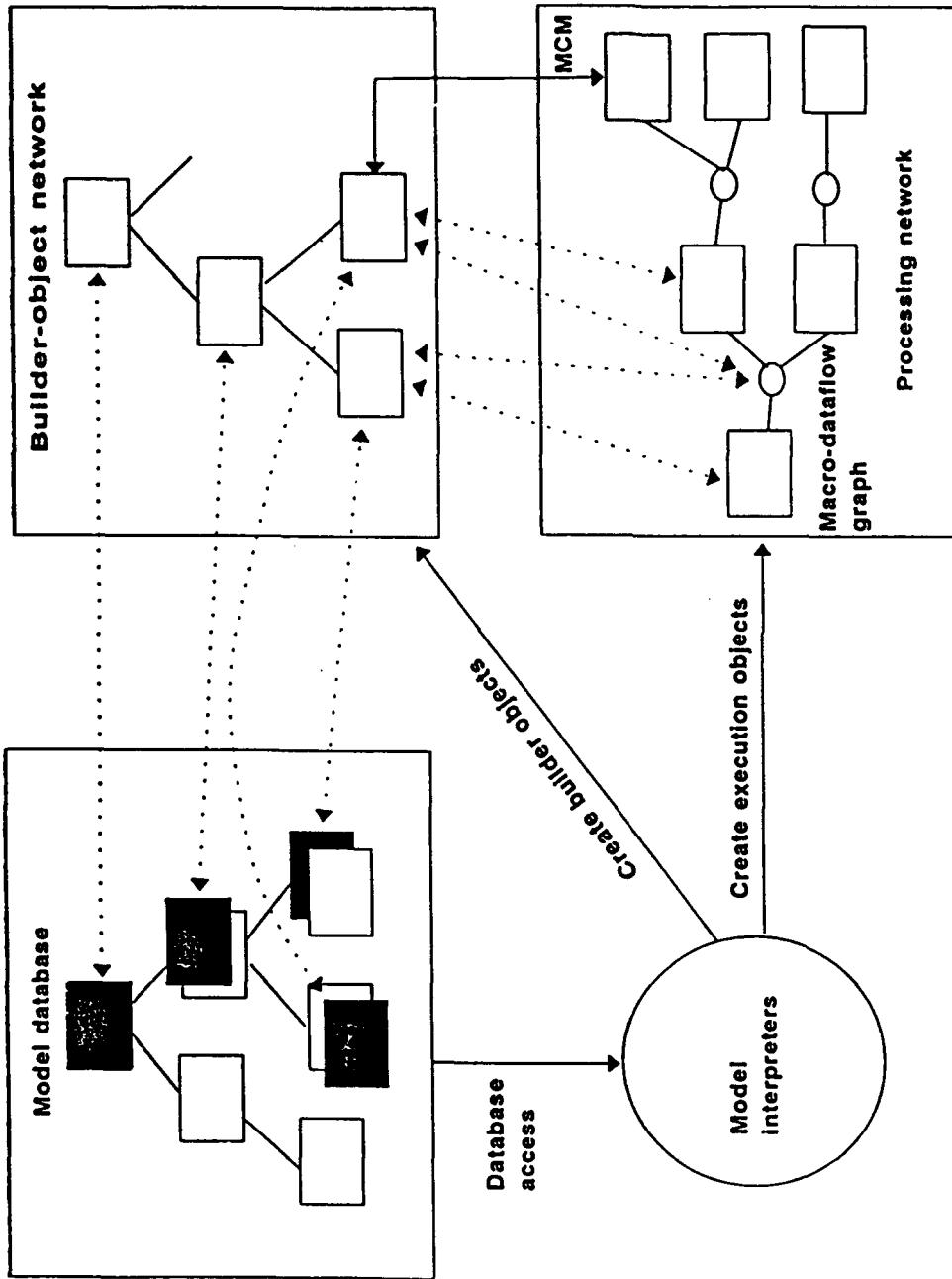


Multigraph Architecture

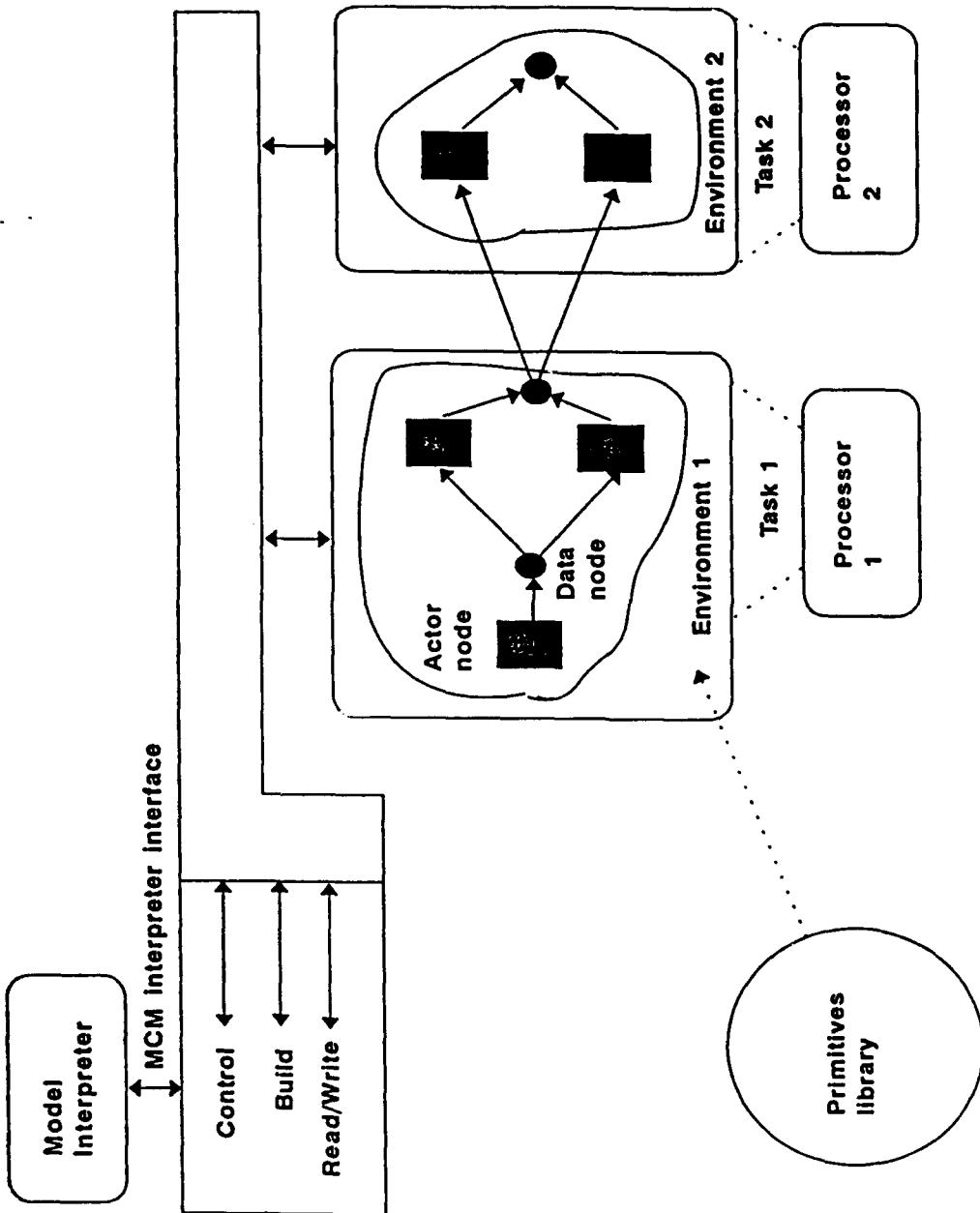
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Model interpretation



Execution Environment



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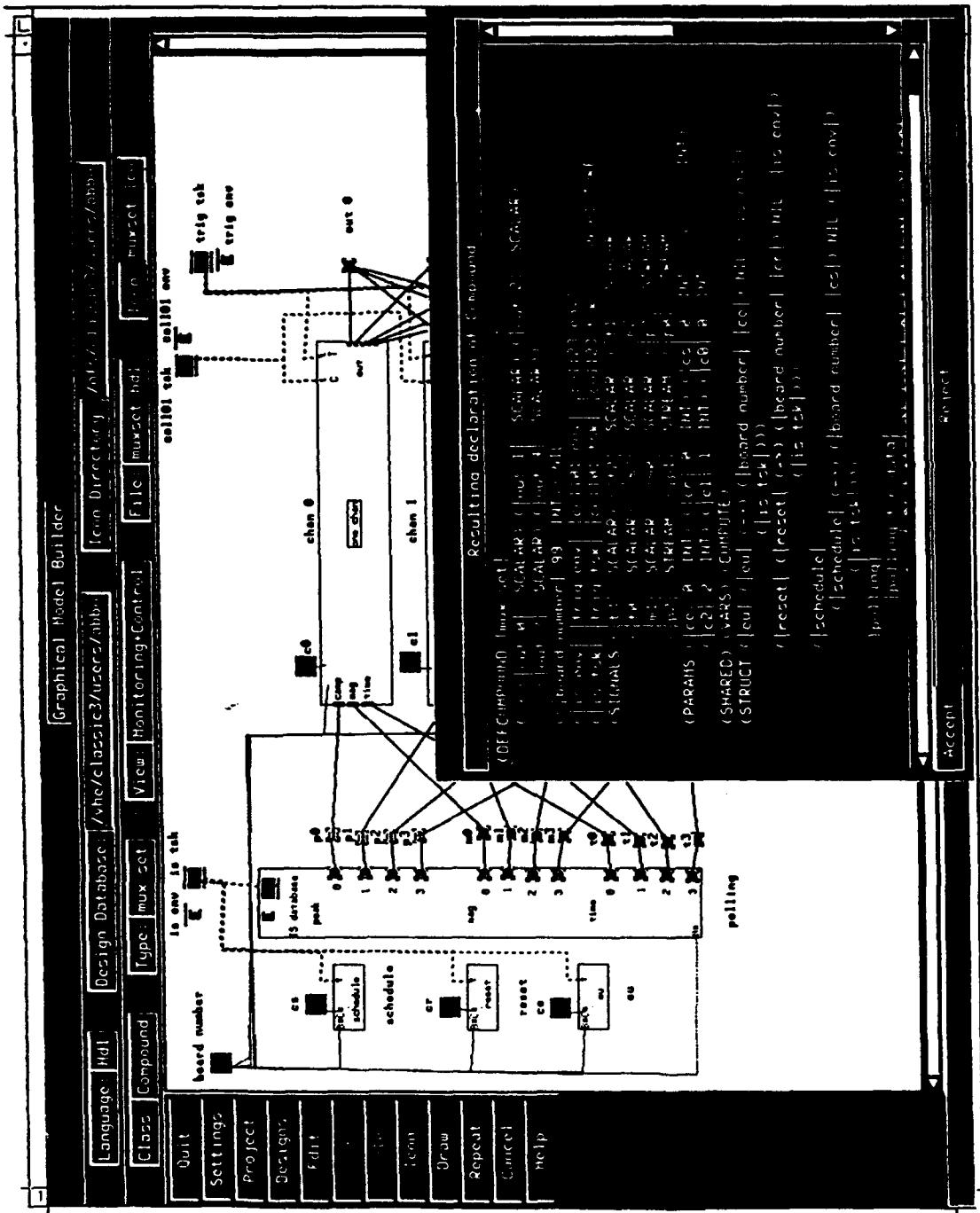
(defprimitive <name>
  (interface (<input-signals> -> <output-signals>)
    ( <specification-list>)
    ( <dynamic-control-parameters>)
  )
  (body
    (<primitive-name>) (<discipline>) (<environment>))
  )
)

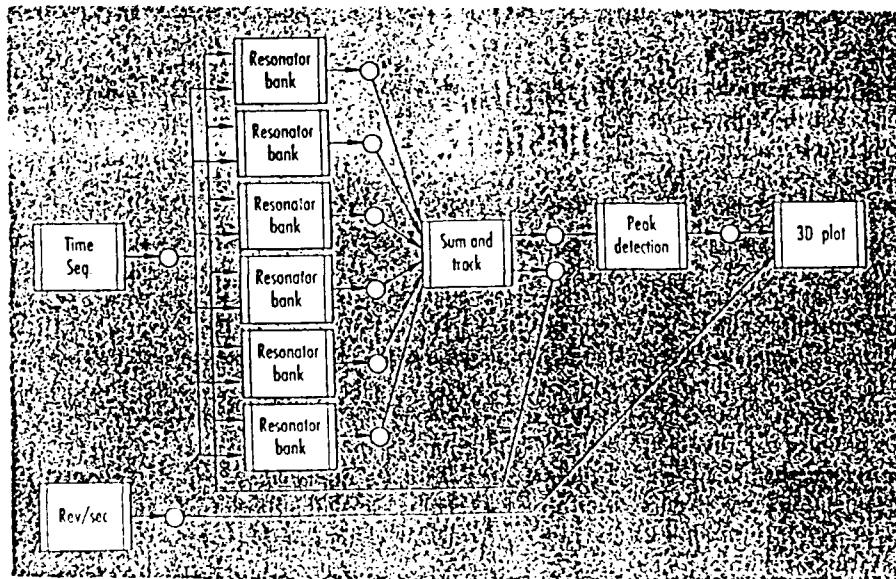
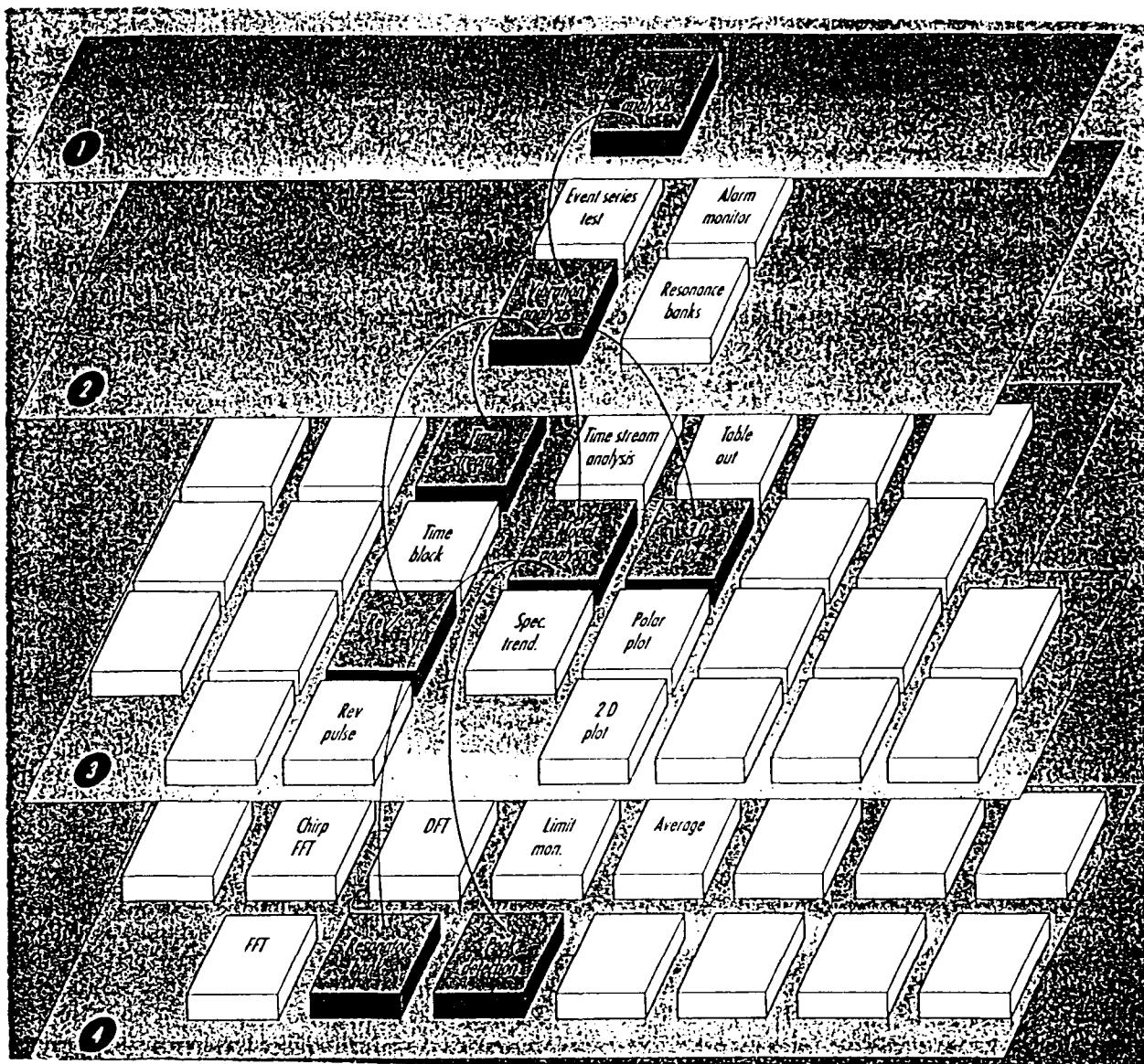
(defcpu <name>
  (linkpoints (<linkpoint-list>))
  (specification (<specification-list>)))

(defmpr <name>
  (parts (<part-list>))
  (connections (<connection-list>)))

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(defcompound <name>
  (interface   (<input-signals> -> <output-signals>)
    (<specification-list>)
    (<dynamic-control-parameters>)
    (<environment>))
  (connections (<signals>) (<specifications>))
  (linkpoints  (<list of link-point specifications>))
  (structure   (<list of units>)
    (<selection rules>)
  (body        (<S-expressions>))))
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Creating a New CADDMAS

- Model additional basic processing elements
(provide computation subroutines if needed)
- Model new hardware elements
- Synthesize architecture from:
 - Model Database
 - Specifications
- Wire the hardware
 - Verify against models
- Synthesize and run the system

A New Domain

- Define Modeling Paradigm / Concepts
- Build Editors
- Build Interpreters
- Produce Basic Computation Library

Conclusion

- Models aid in complexity management
- Domain specific models are helpful
- Hardware system design is integrated with software
- Performance is not compromised

P R E M O S

Programming Environment
for
Model-based Program Synthesis

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Model-Based Programming Environments (MPE)

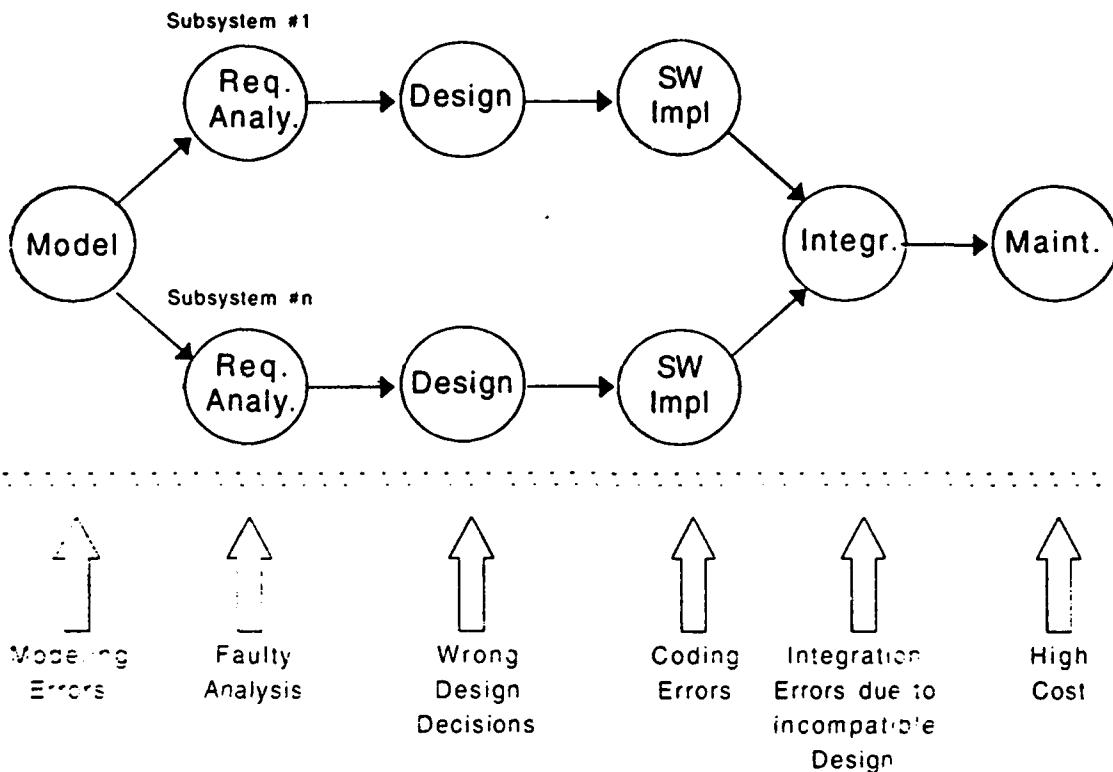
What is the need for MPE ?

- Non-software engineers want to develop complex software
- Minimal use of traditional programming language
- Users are interested in domain engineering not in software engineering

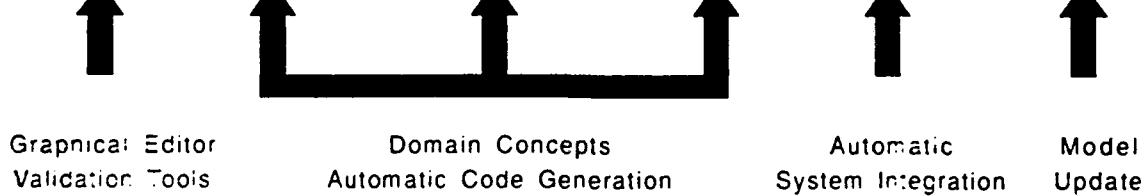
Requirements for a MPE :

- Capture precise representation of system to be build (module topology, interface specification, hierarchy, data flow, architecture, ...)
- Concepts close to the domain
- No hassle with system generation and integration
- Limited programming required
- Robust but flexible to changing requirements

Conventional Software Engineering Approach



Inherent Error Sources



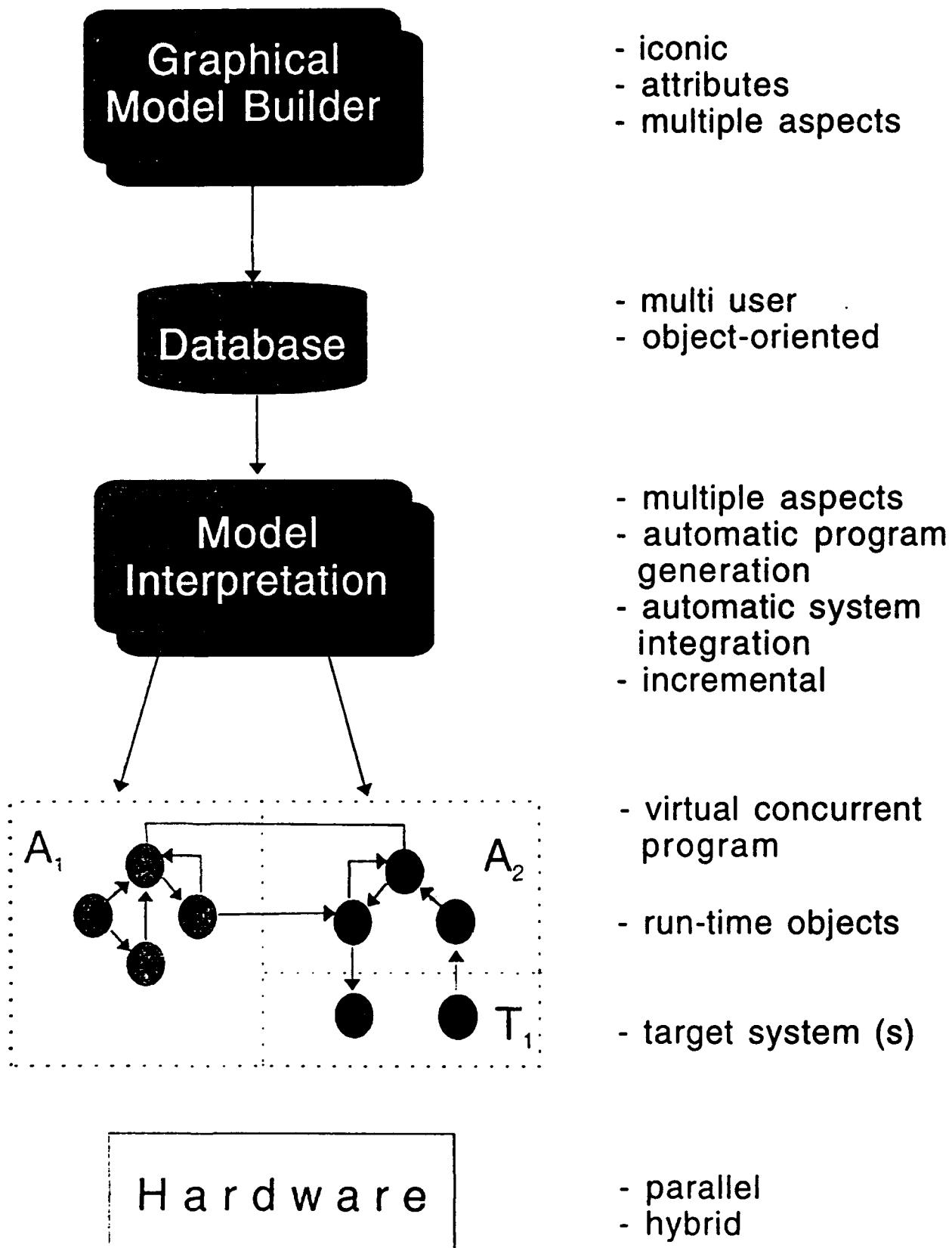
MPE to the Rescue



Increase in :

- Productivity
- Maintenance
- Reusability
- Documentation
- Users

Key Concepts



Tools' Perspective

Characteristics:

- Technology = Concepts + Tools
- Tools are very expensive to build (200 KL)
- Very domain dependent
centered around the Modeling Paradigm
- Modeling Paradigm is an ever changing Entity



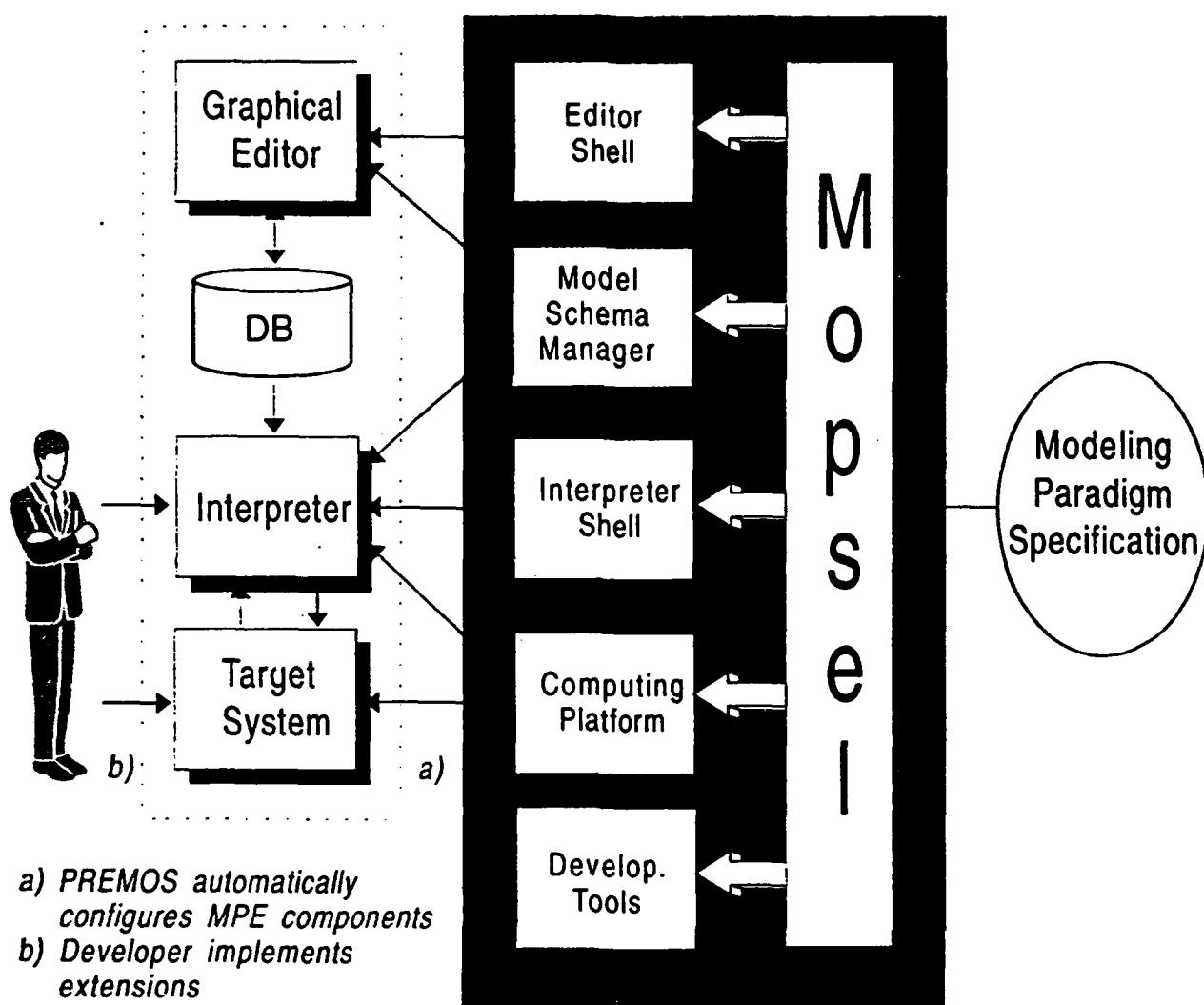
*Tool Development undergoes
similar Software Engineering Cycle
as Systems targeted by Tools*

Approach:

- Take a "model-based" Approach

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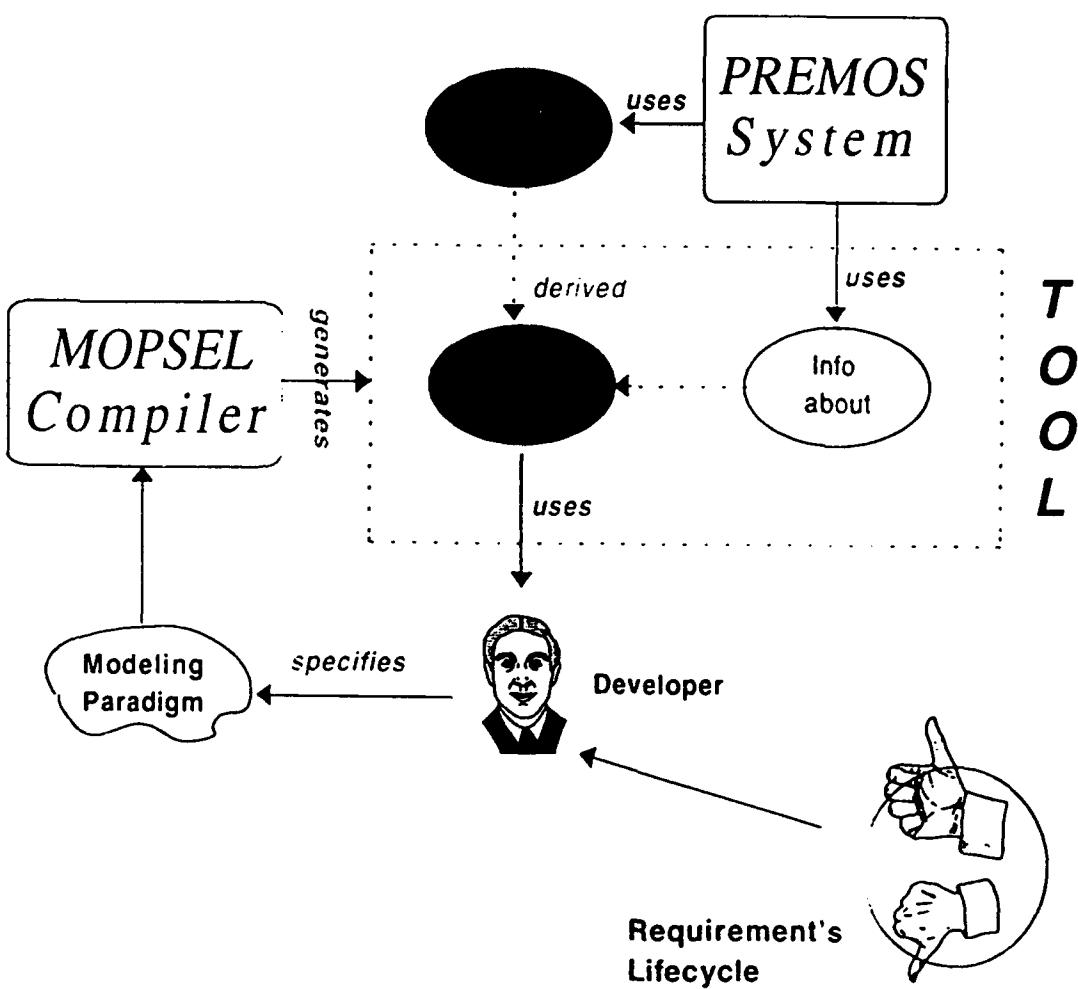
- formally specify modeling paradigm
- compile specification and automate
- MPE system generation



Standardization vs. Specialization

Implement Tools based on generic Concepts and customize them based on Modeling Paradigm

C++ - based Implementation



Modeling Paradigm and various Key Components

	Iconic Editor
	Attribute Editor
Model Concepts	Hierarchies + Cross References
	Database Interface
	Object Oriented Database
	Schema Compiler
Interpretation Language	Model Traversal Reference Resolution Interpretation attributes
Runtime Objects	strong virtual machine layer various concept, e.g. light weight threads actor models

Intelligent Process Control Domain

Independent System Aspects

Equipment Aspect

Process Aspect

Activity Aspect

Dependent Aspects

- Monitoring and Control
Signals, Events, Alarms, Primitives, Compounds
- Finite State Machine
State, StateMachines
- Operator Interface
Panels, Button, Graphs
- Diagnostics
FaultMode, Propagation

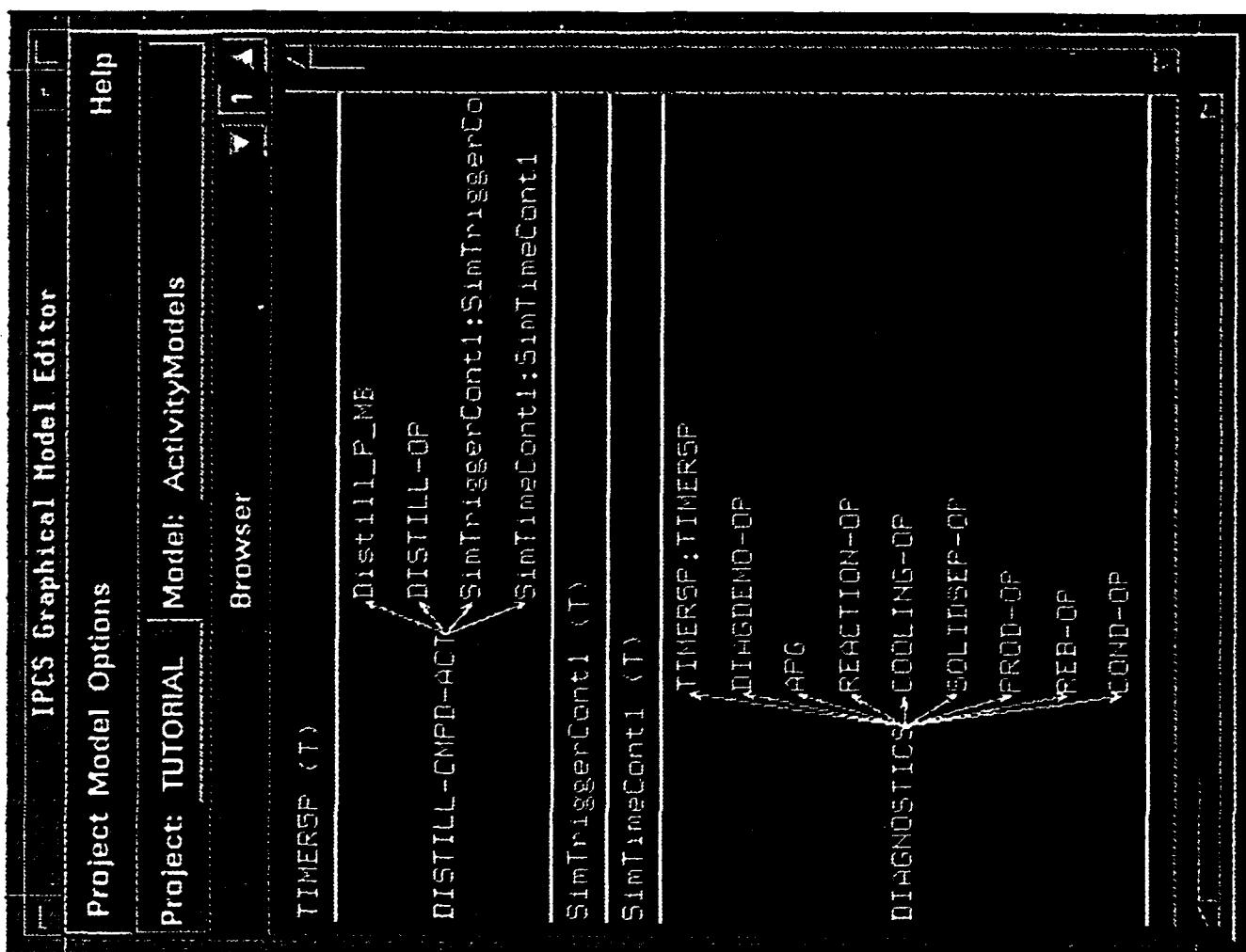
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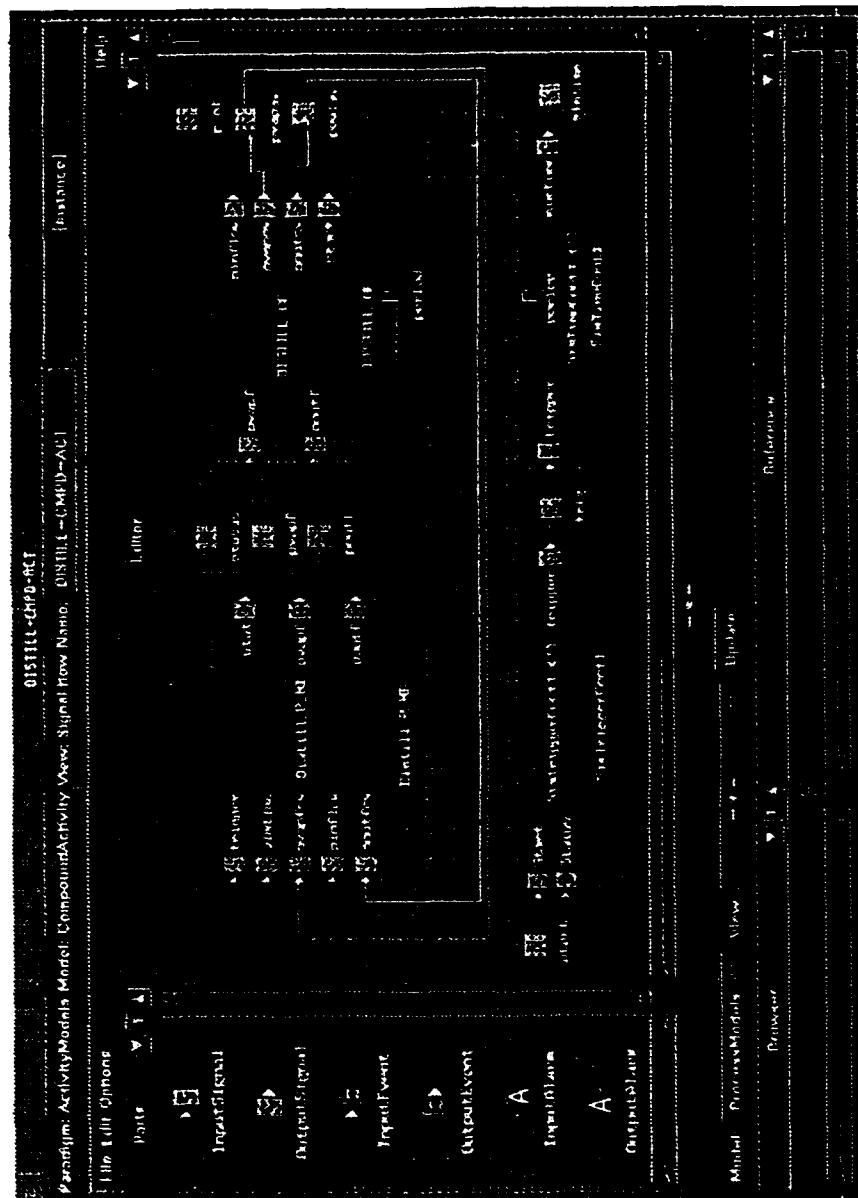
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.letme
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        ( Type # cSignalType : menu "Select signal type:"
            { "Stream" #cStreamSignal;
              "Scalar" #cScalarsSignal;
            });
    OutputSignal = cOSignal : "osignal.icon"
        ( Type # cSignalType : menu "Select signal type:"
            { "Stream" #cStreamSignal;
              "Scalar" #cScalarsSignal;
            });
    LocalSignal = cLSignal : "lsignal.icon"
        ( Type # cSignalType : menu "Select signal type:"
            { "Stream" #cStreamSignal;
              "Scalar" #cScalarsSignal;
            });
    InputParameter = cIParameter : "iparam.icon"
        ( Type # cParamType : menu "Select parameter type:"
            { "Value" #cValueParameter;
              "Reference" #cReferenceParameter;
            });
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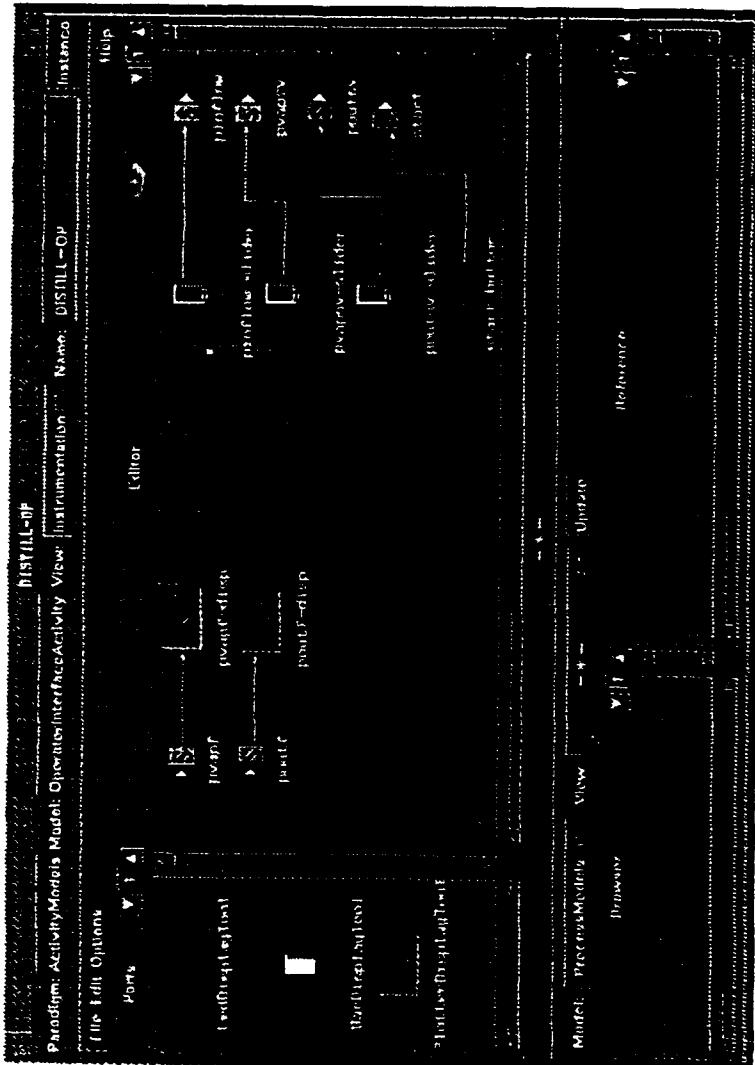
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                    right : OutputSignals;
                    top : InputParameters;
                  };
        font #2;
        color foreground;
        attributes {
          Script = cScript : page "Primitive script:" ( 8 40 ) ++
                      { 0 0 1 2 };
          Control = cControl : menu "TriggerMode:"
                        ( "IfAll" #cIfany; "IfAny" #cIfall; )
                        { 1 0 1 1 };
        }
      parts {
        InputSignals = cInputSignal : InputSignal link;
        OutputSignals = cOutputSignal : OutputSignal link;
        InputParameters = cInputParameter : InputParameter link;
      } ;
    Compound # cHDLCompound {
      views:
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                      top : InputParameters;
                    };
        font #2;
        color foreground;
        connns {
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            { InputSignals -> Blocks InputSignals single }
            { LocalSignals -> Blocks InputSignals single }
            { Blocks OutputSignals single -> LocalSignals }
            { Blocks OutputSignals single -> OutputSignals };
          ParameterConn # cParameterConn { 1 dash1_1 line arrow } :
            { InputParameters -> Blocks InputParameters }
            { LocalParameters -> Blocks InputParameters };
        }
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        OutputSignals = cOutputSignal : OutputSignal link;
        LocalSignals = cLocalSignal : LocalSignal;
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        LocalParameters = cLocalParameter : LocalParameter link;
        SignalRefs = cSignalRef ->
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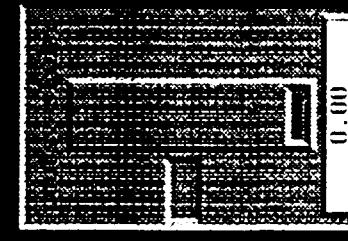
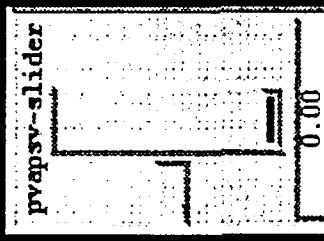
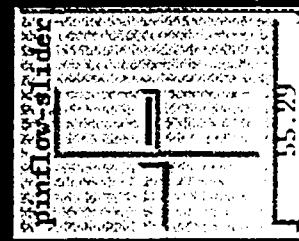




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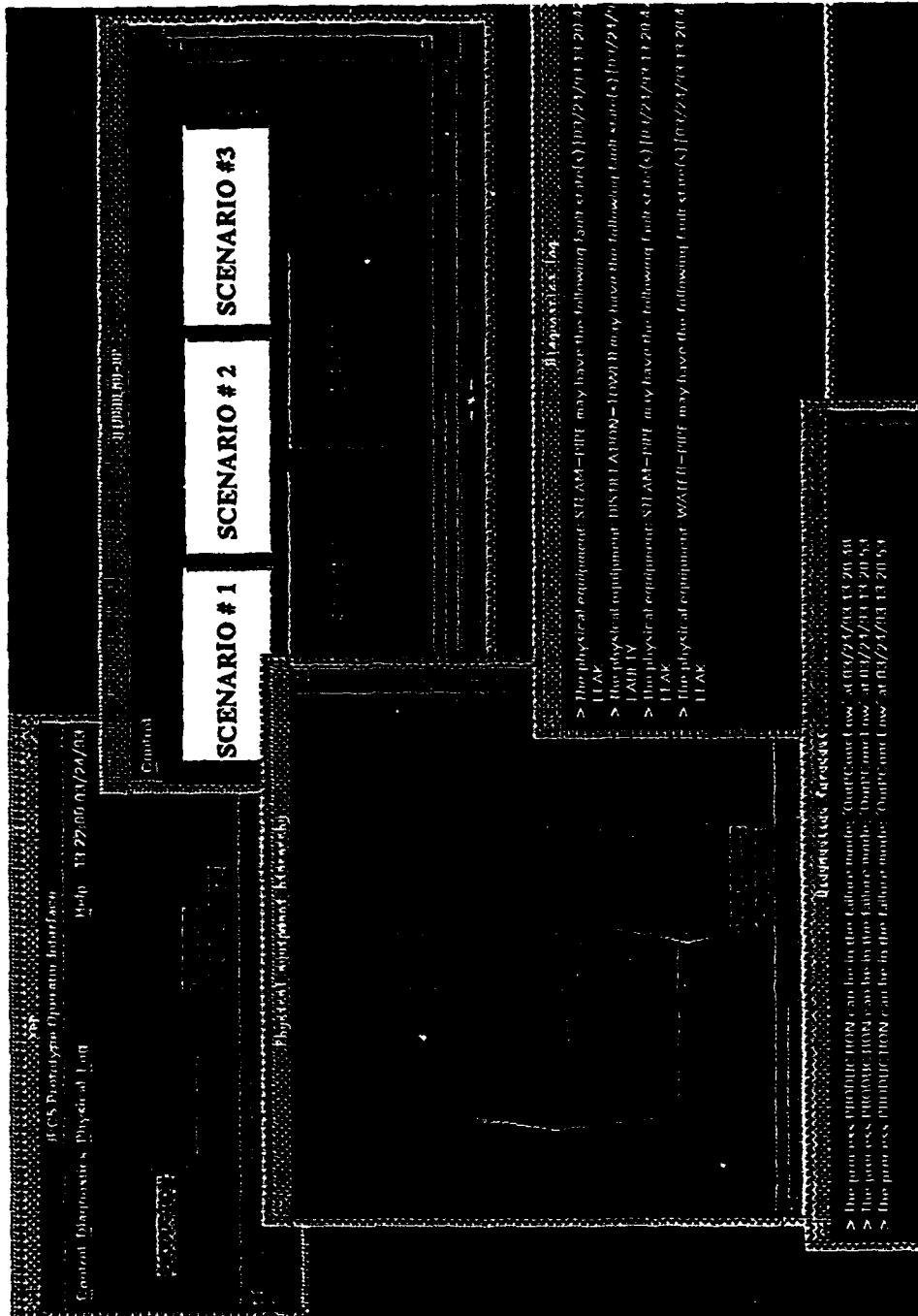
Control Equipment

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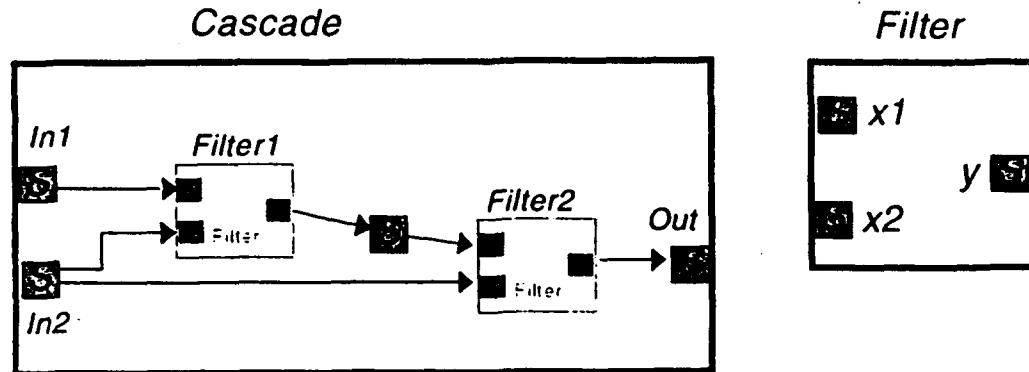
PRODUCTION:DISTILLATION

Graph showing Production vs Time. The Y-axis is labeled "Production" and ranges from 0.00 to 100. The X-axis is labeled "Time" and ranges from 0 to 100. The graph shows a single data series starting at (0,0) and increasing linearly to approximately (100, 90).

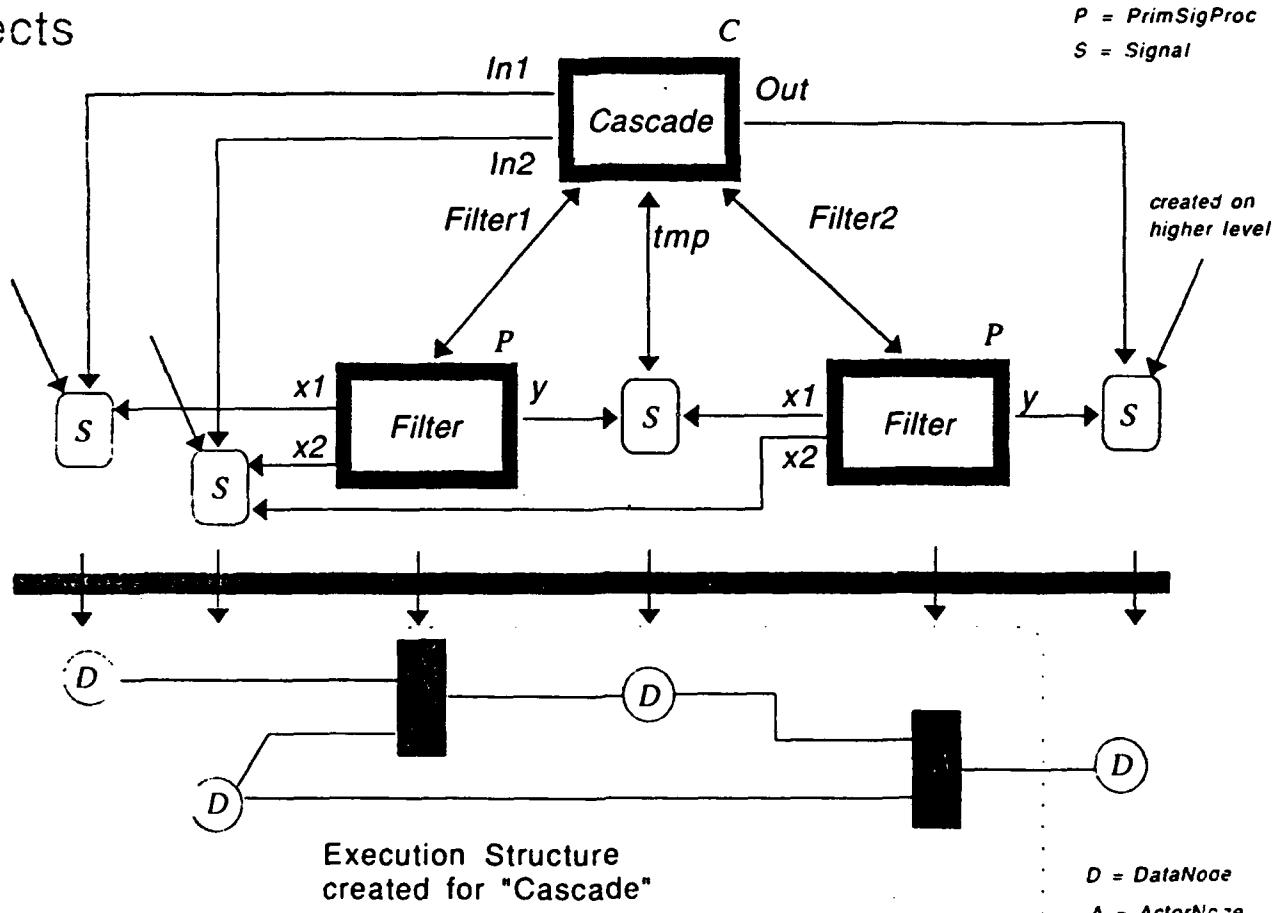


Model Interpretation

Models



Interpreter Objects



Execution Structure

Interpretation Methods

Use of High Level Operations

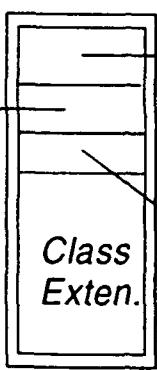
Compound::Build

```
{
    locals.Instantiate();
    subprocs.Build(0);
    Sync(0);
}
```

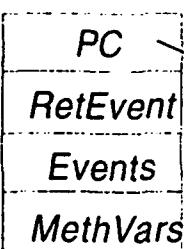
Primitive::Build

```
{
    inputs.Resolve(0);
    outputs.Resolve(0);
    Sync(0);
    MapScript();
}
```

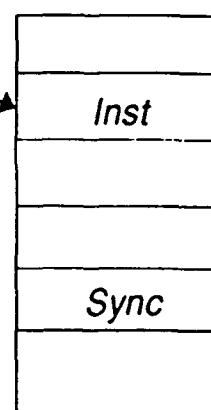
BldModel



MethCtx



*Method
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BuilderObj

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